

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# FIFTIETH LEGISLATURE.

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HOUSE.

No. 53.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-ONE.

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AN ACT giving additional powers to the railroad commissioners.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

SECTION 1. The railroad commissioners, upon petition  
2 of responsible parties, representing that the public  
3 convenience and necessity require the erection and  
4 maintenance of a depot for freight and passengers, or  
5 a passenger station, on the line of any railroad, after  
6 fourteen days notice, by copy of said petition upon  
7 such corporation, and by publishing said petition with  
8 the order of said commissioners thereon, in such pub-  
9 lic newspaper as shall be designated in said order, two  
10 weeks successively, the last publication to be prior to  
11 the time fixed for said hearing, shall hear the parties  
12 and determine whether the prayer of the petitioners

13 shall be granted ; and if such prayer is granted, shall  
14 determine at what place or places a depot or station  
15 shall be erected, or maintained if erected, and whether  
16 for passengers or for passengers and freight.

SECT. 2. It shall be the duty of said commissioners  
2 to designate the site and what kind of building shall  
3 be erected and maintained, as the case may seem to  
4 demand, and the time in which said corporation shall  
5 comply with said order.

SECT. 3. If said railroad corporation refuse or neg-  
2 lect to comply with the order of said commissioners,  
3 within the time prescribed therein, said commissioners  
4 shall enforce a compliance as provided in section  
5 seventy-five of chapter fifty-one of the revised statutes  
6 of eighteen hundred and seventy-one, in relation to  
7 making repairs of railroads.

SECT. 4. In all cases heard before commissioners  
2 under the provisions of this act, the expenses and costs  
3 attending the same, including the compensation of the  
4 commissioners, shall be paid by the railroad corporation  
5 against whom the complaint is made, if the prayer of  
6 petitioners is granted, and in case the prayer of the  
7 petitioners is denied, such costs and compensation shall  
8 be paid by the petitioners. If the party or parties  
9 against whom costs are adjudged as aforesaid, shall re-  
10 fuse or neglect to pay the same within thirty days

11 after such adjudication, upon complaint for such costs  
12 made by said commissioners to any one of the justices  
13 of the supreme judicial court, such justice may cause  
14 execution to issue therefor.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
February 15, 1871. }

Reported from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges,  
by Mr. BURGESS, and printed under the rules.

S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*