

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 50.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend section eighteen of chapter fifty-one of the revised statutes, relating to gates on highways crossed by railroads.

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

SECTION 1. Section eighteen of chapter fifty-one of 2 the revised statutes, is hereby amended, by striking 3 out the word " railroad," in the second line, and in- 4 serting the word ' way,' and by striking out the words 5 " crosses a way" in the third line, and inserting the 6 words " is crossed by a railroad," so that said section, 7 as amended, shall read as follows :

7 *Sect. 18.* When the municipal officers of a town 8 deem it necessary for public safety, that gates should 9 be erected across a way where it is crossed by a rail-

10 road, and that a person should be appointed to open
11 and close them, they may, in writing, request it to be
12 done, and in case of neglect or refusal, they may ap-
13 ply to the county commissioners to decide upon its
14 reasonableness, who, after notice and hearing, are to
15 decide. When they decide that such a request is
16 reasonable, the corporation is to comply with it and
17 pay the costs. When they decide otherwise, the costs
18 are to be paid by the applicants.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 13, 1874. }

Reported from the Committee on Legal Affairs, by Mr.
LEWIS, and ordered to be printed under the Joint Rule.

S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*