

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 100.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend chapter fifteen of the revised statutes
relating to cemeteries.

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

Chapter fifteen of the revised statutes is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto as follows :

3 *Sect. 8.* The municipal officers of any town are
4 hereby authorized to enlarge any public cemetery or
5 burying yard within their town, on petition of ten
6 voters, by taking land of adjacent owners, to be paid
7 for by the town, when in their judgment public neces-
8 sity requires it ; but in no case shall the limits there-
9 of be extended nearer any dwelling house than they
10 now are, against the written protest of the owner,

11 made to the municipal officers of the town, at the time
12 of hearing upon said petition.

13 *Sect. 9.* Notice of a time and place for hearing on
14 such petition shall be given by posting written notices
15 thereof, signed by the municipal officers of the town,
16 at least seven days prior thereto, in two public places
17 in said town, and a copy of such notice and of the
18 petition, shall be served on the owners of the land to
19 be taken, at least ten days before the day of hearing.

20 *Sect. 10.* If the municipal officers, at such hearing,
21 grant the prayer of the petitioners, they shall then
22 determine what land shall be taken, and assess the
23 damages suffered by each person thereby, and make a
24 written return of their proceedings specifying the land
25 taken and the damages awarded each person, and file
26 the same with the town clerk ; and such cemetery or
27 burying yard shall not be enlarged pursuant to such
28 return, until so voted by the town at its next annual
29 meeting.

30 *Sect. 11.* Any person agrieved by the amount of
31 damages awarded, on petition to the county commis-
32 sioners, may have them assessed in the manner pro-
33 vided respecting highways.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 25, 1874. }

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

S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*