

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 92.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to make free Arrowsic bridge,

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

SECTION 1. The proprietors of Arrowsic bridge are
2 hereby authorized to transfer and convey, by gift,
3 their said bridge, with all the franchises, buildings,
4 land and appurtenances thereto belonging, to the
5 county of Sagadahoc.

SECT. 2. The county of Sagadahoc is hereby author-
2 ized and empowered to take and hold said bridge, with
3 all the franchises, buildings, land and appurtenances
4 thereto belonging, and with all the conditions and
5 obligations imposed by an act of the legislature to in-
6 corporate the proprietors of the Arrowsic bridge, ap-
7 proved July seventeenth, eighteen hundred and forty-
8 nine, and to maintain the same in suitable repair ;

9 *provided* that said bridge shall be forever free for
10 public travel and use.

SECT. 3. When said bridge and its appurtenances shall
2 be conveyed, under the provisions of the first section
3 of this act, to said county, it shall be the duty of the
4 county commissioners of said county to apportion and
5 assess, annually, under the same rules and penalties
6 that are now provided by law for the assessment and
7 collection of the county tax, the expense of maintain-
8 ing and supporting said bridge and its appurtenances,
9 including the salary for a keeper of the draw therein,
10 upon the county of Sagadahoc, and upon the city of
11 Bath, and the towns of Arrowsic and Georgetown, in
12 the following proportions, to wit: upon the county of
13 Sagadahoc, one-third; upon the city of Bath, two-
14 ninths; and upon each of the towns of Arrowsic and
15 Georgetown, two ninths; *provided* that the inhabi-
16 tants of said county, at their annual town meetings in
17 the year eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, shall by
18 a majority vote accept this act. *And provided also*,
19 that the inhabitants of the city of Bath, and of each
20 of the towns of Arrowsic and Georgetown, shall
21 accept by a majority vote at said meeting their
22 respective apportionments herein made; and the
23 municipal officers of said city and towns shall insert
24 in their respective warrants for said meetings an arti-

25 cle for this object as aforesaid. The vote of said
26 meetings shall be by printed ballots, thus: (for county
27 vote.)

28 Arrowsic Bridge, Yes ;

29 Arrowsic Bridge, No ;

30 and for the apportionment vote in the city of Bath
31 and the said towns of Georgetown and Arrowsic, thus :

32 Arrowsic Bridge Apportionment, Yes ;

33 Arrowsic Bridge Apportionment, No.

34 The ballots shall be received, sorted counted and de-
35 clared as provided in section four, chapter seventy-
36 eight of the revised statutes, for the election of county
37 commissioners ; and like proceedings as provided in
38 said section of said chapter shall be had, excepting
39 that the clerks in said city and towns shall transmit
40 true copies thereof to the county commissioners for the
41 county of Sagadahoc within ten days, who shall open
42 and compare the votes so returned, and if errors ap-
43 pear in the returns they shall be corrected on proper
44 evidence ; and if there be a majority of ballots with
45 Yes, it shall be a decision in favor of that part of the
46 act to which it applies ; if there be a majority of
47 ballots with No, it shall be a rejection of the same.

SECT. 4. If said apportionment is not approved by
2 said city and towns, or either of them, as provided in
3 the preceding section, the supreme judicial court,

4 sitting in the county of Sagadahoc, shall, upon appli-
5 cation of the county commissioners of said county, or
6 of the municipal authorities of the city of Bath, or of
7 either of the towns of Arrowsic or Georgetown, ap-
8 point a board of commissioners, consisting of three
9 disinterested and suitable persons, not residents of the
10 city of Bath or of either of the towns of Arrowsic or
11 Georgetown, and said commissioners, having been
12 first duly sworn to the faithful and impartial
13 discharge of their duties, shall, after due notice to
14 all parties interested, and a hearing thereon, deter-
15 mine and decree in what proportions the said city of
16 Bath and towns of Arrowsic and Georgetown, in view
17 of the special benefits derived or to be derived by them
18 respectively under the provisions of the second section
19 of this act, shall annually defray the expense of main-
20 taining and supporting said bridge and its appurten-
21 ances, and all expenses properly incurred under the
22 provisions of this act, including their own fees; and
23 their determination and award, or that of a major part
24 of them, shall be made in writing, and reported to the
25 supreme judicial court for the county of Sagadahoc,
26 and to the county commissioners of said county, and
27 the same shall be binding upon all parties interested
28 therein.

SECT. 5. Liability for defects in said bridge shall
2 exist on the part of said city and towns in such pro-
3 portions as they severally pay toward the cost of keep-
4 ing the same in repair.

SECT. 6. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 31, 1877. }

Reported from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, by Mr. ROLF of Princeton,
and on motion of Mr. JEWETT of Richmond, laid on the table and ordered printed.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*