

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Fifty-Seventh Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 2.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to vest the franchise and property of the proprietors of Merrymeeting bridge, in the inhabitants of the county of Sagadahoc.

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

SECTION 1. The proprietors of Merrymeeting bridge  
2 are 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; and when the stock or a major-  
6 ity of the shares shall have been conveyed to said  
7 county, as provided in this act, all the franchises of  
8 said Merrymeeting bridge company, together with all  
9 the powers, rights and privileges, granted to the pro-  
10 prietors of said bridge by an act of the legislature,  
11 approved March 21, 1835, shall vest in the inhabitants

12 of said county of Sagadahoc, subject to the servitudes,  
13 duties and obligations imposed by said act.

SECT. 2. The county of Sagadahoc is hereby author-  
2 ized and empowered, to take and hold said bridge as a  
3 toll bridge, with all the franchises, buildings, land and  
4 appurtenances thereto belonging, and maintain the  
5 same in suitable repair.

SECT. 3. So much of the land and location of said  
2 bridge, with the approaches thereto, as lie within the  
3 county of Cumberland, are hereby set off from the  
4 county of Cumberland and annexed to the county of  
5 Sagadahoc.

SECT. 4. The county commissioners of Sagadahoc  
2 county are hereby authorized to restore and keep in  
3 repair said bridge and approaches thereto, so that the  
4 same shall be safe and convenient for the public travel,  
5 and to include in their annual estimates of county  
6 taxes, the sums required therefor; or, they may pro-  
7 vide for any extraordinary repairs that may be neces-  
8 sary the first year, by hiring money on the credit of  
9 the county, and issue bonds or notes of the county  
10 therefor, on time, not to exceed twenty years, to be  
11 signed by the county treasurer and countersigned by  
12 said commissioners.

SECT. 5. The county commissioners of said county  
2 of Sagadahoc shall regulate and establish from time

3 to time, such rates of toll as shall in their judgment  
4 be sufficient to maintain said bridge, and give public  
5 notice thereof. They shall employ a suitable person,  
6 at a stipulated salary, to superintend the bridge and  
7 collect the tolls, who shall render to the county com-  
8 missioners on the first day of each and every month, a  
9 statement, under oath, of the amount of tolls collected  
10 during the preceding month, and pay the same to the  
11 county treasurer, and who shall receive his salary from  
12 the county treasurer, on the written order of the  
13 county commissioners, and not otherwise, and all excess  
14 of moneys so received into the county treasury, over  
15 and above what is required for necessary expenses and  
16 repairs, shall be set aside, and shall constitute a sink-  
17 ing fund for the payment of such bonds or notes as  
18 may be issued by virtue of this act.

SECT. 6. The city of Bath by a concurrent vote of  
2 the two branches of the city council, is hereby author-  
3 ized to transfer and convey as a gift to the inhabitants  
4 of the county of Sagadahoc, all the stock held by said  
5 city in the Merrymeeting bridge corporation.

SECT. 7. All acts and parts of acts relating to said  
2 Merrymeeting bridge, inconsistent with this act, are  
3 hereby repealed.

SECT. 8. This act shall take effect when approved.

**STATE OF MAINE.**

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
January 11, 1878. }

Presented by Mr. BROWNE of Bowdoinham, and on his motion  
ordered printed.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*