

## Fifty-Seventh Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 102.

### STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT for the better protection of the rights of towns.

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

SECTION 1. When a town has duly accepted a town 2 way, and said town way is subsequently discontinued 3 by the county commissioners on appeal before such 4 road shall have been opened for travel, such town may 5 at its annual meeting holden within three years there-6 after, by a majority of the voters present and voting, 7 reinstate and lay out such town way, under an article 8 in the warrant for such meeting, for such purpose. 9 And the damages shall be assessed, and the land own-10 ers over which said way passes notified thereof, by the 11 municipal officers within thirty days after said meet-12 ing, and any person so damaged, dissatisfied with the

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13 amount of damages allowed may petition the county
14 commissioners within fifteen days after said notice, for
15 an increase of damages, and such action shall be had
16 thereon as is now provided in case of town ways laid
17 out on petition.

SECT. 2. A town way so re-established and laid out 2 shall not be discontinued for five years thereafter.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect on approval.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 2, 1878.

Reported from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, by Mr. BROWNE of Bowdoinham, and ordered printed under the Joint Rule.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, Clerk.