

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

No. 23.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend chapter two hundred and nine of the public laws of the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, entitled "an act to amend chapter six, section fifty-three, of the revised statutes, relating to repairs of ways in unincorporated townships."

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

Chapter two hundred and nine of the public laws of
2 the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-
3 seven is hereby amended, by adding after the word
4 "thereof," at the end of said chapter, the words
5 "when such assessment will be unreasonably bur-
6 densome to such owners, they shall assess an equi-
7 table sum on the county, and the balance only on

8 such lands," so that said chapter as amended shall
9 read as follows:

10 *Sect. 53.* Said county commissioners, in Septem-
11 ber, annually, by one or more of their board, shall
12 make an annual inspection of all county roads in
13 the unincorporated townships, and tracts of land
14 in their counties, and thereupon make an estimate
15 of the amount needed to put them in repair, so as
16 to be safe and convenient for public travel, and
17 assess such amount thereon; and they shall make
18 as many divisions as are equitable, conforming as
19 nearly as is convenient to known divisions and sep-
20 arate ownerships, and assess upon each a sum pro-
21 portionate to the value thereof, and cause so much
22 thereof as they deem necessary for the purpose
23 aforesaid, to be expended on said roads within one
24 year thereafter, and such assessment shall create a
25 lien thereon for the payment thereof; when such
26 assessment will be unreasonably burdensome to
27 such owners, they shall assess an equitable sum on
28 the county, and the balance only on such lands.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 1, 1879.

Reported by Mr. MORRISON of Franklin, from the Committee
on the Judiciary, and laid over to be printed under the Joint Rule.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary.*