

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SIXTIETH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 113.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to incorporate the Maine Shore Line
Railroad Company.

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

SECTION 1. John C. Talbot, Joseph N. Greene,
2 Samuel D. Leavitt, Ezra L. Pattangall, L. G.
3 Downes, Ignatius Sargent, Samuel N. Campbell,
4 Lucilius A. Emery, Cornelius Sullivan, Giles E.
5 Taintor, James E. Lynott, Horace M. Ruggles,
6 M. N. McKusick and their associates, are hereby
7 created a body corporate under the name of the
8 Maine Shore Line Railroad Company, with all the
9 powers, rights and privileges and subject to all the
10 duties, restrictions and obligations conferred and
11 imposed on railroad corporations by the laws of
12 the state.

SECT. 2. Said corporation shall have the right to
2 locate, construct, equip, maintain and operate, or
3 lease a railroad from some point on the St. Croix
4 river, in the city of Calais, or vicinity, through the
5 counties of Washington and Hancock, by such
6 route as the directors of said corporation may
7 select, to some point on the Union river in the city
8 of Ellsworth, including a branch to Eastport, and
9 may construct and maintain a bridge across Union
10 river in such a manner as shall not unnecessarily
11 obstruct navigation.

SECT. 3. If when said railroad is completed,
2 with the standard gauge of four feet eight and
3 one-half inches, from the St. Croix river to the
4 Union river as aforesaid, no railroad shall have
5 been constructed from Bangor to Ellsworth, by
6 way of Bucksport or in some other direction; or
7 the corporation owning or operating such railroad
8 from Bucksport to Ellsworth, shall refuse or neg-
9 lect to make its gauge conform to said standard
10 gauge within four months after the completion of
11 the railroad herein authorized, then, and in that
12 event only, the corporation hereby created may
13 extend its said railroad from Union river in Ells-
14 worth direct to Bangor, through the towns of Ells-
15 worth, Dedham, Otis, Holden and Brewer, crossing

16 the Penobscot river above the Penobscot toll bridge,
17 and connecting with any railroad in said city.

SECT. 4. The capital stock of said corporation
2 shall not exceed twenty thousand shares of one
3 hundred dollars each.

SECT. 5. The officers of said corporation shall
2 consist of a board of directors, president, clerk,
3 treasurer, and such others as may be provided in
4 the by-laws. The powers and duties of the officers
5 shall be such as are prescribed in the by-laws.

SECT. 6. Said corporation is empowered to erect
2 and maintain bridges across tide waters, lakes,
3 ponds, and navigable rivers and streams, which its
4 railroad may cross; *provided*, that they shall be so
5 constructed as not unnecessarily to obstruct the
6 navigation of such waters.

SECT. 7. For the purpose of surveying, locating,
2 constructing, equipping, maintaining or operating
3 said railroad, and for all proper expenses in its
4 business, said corporation may issue its bonds on
5 such terms and conditions as it may see fit, and
6 secure them by a mortgage of its entire franchise
7 and property, or any part thereof.

SECT. 8. This charter is granted because the ob-
2 jects thereof cannot be attained under the general
3 laws of the state, in consequence of the crossing of

4 tide waters, navigable for vessels, by the railroad
5 authorized hereby; and it shall become void unless
6 the railroad between Calais and Ellsworth shall
7 have been located and the construction thereof com-
8 menced by the first day of February, A.D. eighteen
9 hundred and eighty-three, and the railroad com-
10 pleted for travel between said termini by the first day
11 of February, A.D. eighteen hundred and eighty-six,
12 except as to such part thereof as may then have
13 been completed.

SECT. 9. The railroad bridge across Union river
2 in Ellsworth, at the junction of the Maine Shore
3 Line Railroad and the railroad from Bucksport to
4 Ellsworth, shall be built and maintained by the cor-
5 porations of both roads in the proportion of four-
6 fifths by the Maine Shore Company and one-fifth
7 by that of the road from Bucksport to Ellsworth.
8 The plans and specifications for such bridge shall
9 be mutually agreed upon by said corporations; on
10 the case of disagreement the same shall be settled
11 by the railroad commissioners.

STATE OF MAINE.

In HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 25, 1881. }

Reported by Mr. BUCK, from Committee on Railroads, and
ordered printed under the Joint Rule.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*