

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Fourth Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 287.

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STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT amendatory of section one hundred and thirteen, chapter fifty-one of the Revised Statutes, and additional to said chapter relating to Railroad Commissioners.

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

SECTION 1. Section one hundred and thirteen of 2 chapter fifty-one of the Revised Statutes is hereby 3 amended so as to read as follows:

4 'The governor, with the advice and consent of the 5 council, shall appoint three railroad commissioners 6 who shall act as a board and hold their offices for 7 three years; one of them shall be learned in the

8 law and appointed and commissioned as chairman;  
9 one of them shall be a civil engineer who shall have  
10 had experience in the construction of railroads;  
11 and the third shall have had experience in the  
12 management and operation of railroads.

Said board shall be provided with an office and  
14 suitable rooms for hearing in which its records  
15 shall be kept; the board may expend a sum not  
16 exceeding two thousand dollars annually in pro-  
17 curing necessary books, maps, stationery and sta-  
18 tistics, and in defraying expenses incidental and  
19 necessary to the discharge of its duties and pro-  
20 curing the assistance of a mechanical expert in the  
21 examination of iron bridges; a statement of such  
22 expenses shall accompany its annual report. Said  
23 board shall also have a clerk to be appointed by the  
24 governor on the recommendation of the board, who  
25 shall keep a full and minute record of its proceedings.

The compensation of said commissioners and clerk,  
27 which shall be in full for all services to be per-  
28 formed by them, shall be two thousand dollars per  
29 annum for each commissioner, and twelve hundred  
30 dollars per annum for the clerk, payable quarterly  
31 from the State treasury.'

SECT. 2. Every railroad corporation shall, when  
2 requested by the railroad commissioners, have an

3 examination made of any iron bridge or other  
4 structure, by a competent and experienced mechan-  
5 ical engineer who shall report to the board of com-  
6 missioners forthwith the results of his examinations,  
7 his conclusion and recommendations, and transmit  
8 a copy of the same to the corporation.

The report shall furnish such information in detail  
10 and with such drawings and prints as may be  
11 in writing requested by the board of railroad  
12 commissioners.

SECT. 3. Any railroad corporation within this  
2 State shall furnish all reasonable facilities to the  
3 board of commissioners for the prompt and faithful  
4 discharge of the duties prescribed under this act.

SECT. 4. The expenses of any investigations  
2 provided for by the foregoing provisions, including  
3 witness fees, shall be audited by the board of com-  
4 missioners and paid as provided by chapter three  
5 hundred and twenty-one of the Public Laws of  
6 eighteen hundred and eighty-five.

SECT. 5. All parts of chapter fifty-one of the  
2 Revised Statutes and any amendments thereto so  
3 far as they are inconsistent with the provisions of  
4 this act are hereby repealed.

STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
March 2, 1889. }

Tabled, pending third reading, and ordered printed on motion of Mr.  
MOORE of Deering.

NICHOLAS FESSENDEN, *Clerk.*