

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Fifth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 89.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend Section 113, Chapter 51, Revised
Statutes, as amended by Chapter 313 of Public
Laws of 1889, relating to Appointment of Railroad
Commissioners.

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

Section 113 of chapter 51, of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 313 of the public laws of 1889, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "Commissioner," in the second line thereof, the words 'only two of whom shall be of the same political party,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

‘Section 113. The governor, with the advice and
9 consent of the council, shall appoint three Railroad
10 Commissioners, only two of whom shall be of the
11 same political party, who shall act on a board and
12 hold their office for three years; one of them shall
13 be learned in the law and appointed and commis-
14 sioned as chairman; one of them shall be a civil
15 engineer who shall have had experience in the con-
16 struction of railroads; and the third shall have had
17 experience in the management and operation of
18 railroads.

Said board shall be provided with an office and
20 suitable rooms for hearings, in which its records
21 shall be kept; the board may expend a sum not
22 exceeding two thousand dollars annually in pro-
23 curing necessary books, maps, stationery and sta-
24 tistics, and in defraying expenses incidental and
25 necessary to the discharge of its duties and pro-
26 curing the assistance of a mechanical expert in the
27 examination of iron bridges. A statement of such
28 expenses shall accompany its annual report. Said
29 board shall also have a clerk to be appointed by
30 the governor on the recommendation of the board,
31 who shall keep a full and minute record of its pro-
32 ceedings. The compensation of said commission-
33 ers and clerk, which shall be in full for all services

34 to be performed by them, shall be two thousand
35 dollars per annum for each commissioner, and
36 twelve hundred dollars per annum for the clerk,
37 payable quarterly from the State treasury.'

MAJORITY REPORT.

The Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses, to which was referred the order of the legislature relating to a Non-Partisan Board of Railroad Commissioners, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

EDWARD MOORE,
W. H. HUNT,
A. R. G. SMITH,
A. D. BIRD,
W. M. AYER,
C. P. ALLEN,
F. H. HARGRAVES.

MINORITY REPORT.

The Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses, to which was referred the order of the legislature relating to a Non-Partisan Board of Railroad Commissioners, have had the same under consideration and ask leave to report the accompanying bill, "An Act to amend section 113, chapter 51, Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 313 of Public Laws of 1889, relating to appointment of Railroad Commissioners."

CH. H. OSGOOD,
J. W. PORTER.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 13, 1891. }

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₁₅₈ Tabled, pending acceptance of either report, by Mr. BIRD of Rockland,
and reports and bill ordered printed.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*