

# Sixty-Sixth Legislature.

#### HOUSE.

No. 83.

## STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT authorizing the County Commissioners of Lincoln county to locate and establish a highway across Sheepscott River over or near Sheepscott Bridge, so called, connecting the towns of Alna and Newcastle.

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

SECTION 1. Authority is hereby granted the county 2 commissioners of Lincoln county to locate and establish a 3 highway from a convenient point in the road in the town 4 of Newcastle leading to the Sheepscott bridge, so called, 5 across and over the tide waters of the Sheepscott river to 6 a convenient point in the road in the town of Alna leading 7 to said bridge. Said highway may be laid out and estab-8 lished over or near said Sheepscott bridge.

SECT. 2. If before the expiration of the existing Sheep-2 scott bridge charter said commissioner shall locate and

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3 establish said highway over said bridge, said highway shall
4 be deemed to be open to public travel from and after the
5 expiration of said charter, and said bridge shall be free
6 thereafter.

SECT. 3. In case said commissioners shall locate and 2 establish said highway over said bridge, in addition to 3 assessing according to law any and all land damages 4 accruing from such location, they shall proceed in the 5 manner provided by law for the assessment of land 6 damages in such cases, to assess the damages to the pro-7 prietors of said bridge accruing from the location of said 8 highway over said bridge. Provided, however, that the 9 proprietors of said bridge shall be entitled to damages 10 equal in amount only to the value of said bridge structure 11 and other property appurtenant thereto, having regard to 12 its condition of repair, but shall not be allowed damages 13 or other compensation for any supposed franchise. Said 14 proprietors shall have the same rights and remedies as to 15 damages assessed for said bridge as are provided by law 16 in relation to land damages in such cases.

SECT. 4. There shall be a suitable and convenient draw 2 in said bridge, or in such bridge as may be constructed 3 in the course of said highway across said river, to be at 4 least twenty-eight feet long, for the free passage of 5 vessels and other craft, to be provided with a suitable 6 and convenient wharf or pier for the convenience of 7 vessels or other craft while waiting to pass through said 8 draw. Said draw shall be maintained and tended at the 9 joint expense of the town of Alna and the town of 10 Newcastle.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect when approved.

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Reported by Mr. McCULLOUGH of Calais, from Committee on Ways and Bridges, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, Clerk.