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Sixty-Sixth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 101.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED

AND NINETY-THREE

AN ACT to amend Section Six of Chapter Fifty-One of the Revised Statutes.

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

Section 1. Section six of chapter fifty-one of the

- 2 Revised Statutes is hereby amended by inserting after
- 3 the word "state" in the twenty-third line of said section,
- 4 the words, 'provided, however, that the railroad commis-
- 5 sioners upon written application made to them may
- 6 extend the time of filing such variations in their discre-
- 7 tion', so that said section as amended shall read as follow:
- Section 6. Every corporation organized under the
- 9 foregoing provisions, before commencing the construction
- 10 of its road, shall present to the board of railroad com-
- 11 missioners a petition for approval of location, accompanied
- 12 with a map of the proposed route on an appropriate

13 scale, and with a profile of the line on the relative scales 14 of profile paper in common use, and with a report and 15 estimate prepared by a skilful engineer from actual 16 survey. The board of railroad commissioners shall, on 17 presentation of such petition, appoint a day for a hearing 18 thereon, and the petitioners shall give such notice thereof as said board deems reasonable and proper, in order that all persons interested may have an opportunity to appear and object thereto. If the board of railroad commis-21 sioners, after hearing the petition, approves the proposed location, and finds that public convenience requires the construction of such road, the corporation may proceed with the construction thereof; provided, that they first file with the clerk of the court of county commissioners of each county through which the road passes, a plan of the location of the road, defining its courses, distances 29 and boundaries, and another copy of the same with the 30 board of railroad commissioners; but the location so 31 filed shall not vary, except to avoid expense of construc-32 tion, from the route first presented to said board of com-33 missioners, unless said variation is approved by them. 34 And said location, together with any variation made 35 therein, shall be filed within two years from the time 36 when the articles of association are filed in the office of 37 secretary of State, provided, however, that the railroad 38 commissioners upon written application made to them 39 may extend the time of filing such variations in their 40 discretion. Provided further, that no railroad shall be 41 made across tide waters where vessels can navigate, 42 without special permission of the legislature first obtained. SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

House of Representatives. February 10, 1893.

Reported by Mr. WHITE of Rockland, from Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, Clerk.