

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Sixth Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 10.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT additional to Chapter 250 of the Private and Special Laws of 1891, entitled "An Act to empower the County of Aroostook to aid in the construction of a Railroad through said County, and to acquire and hold preferred stock of the company building such Railroad."

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

SECTION 1. There shall be submitted to the voters of
2 the several towns and organized plantations in the county
3 of Aroostook, within ninety days after the approval of
4 this act, the following proposition: "Shall payment be
5 due from and be made by Aroostook county (on its sub-
6 scription of \$500,000 to the preferred stock of the Bangor
7 and Aroostook Railroad Company) at the rate of \$2,000

8 per mile graded, whenever said railroad company shall
9 have graded any section of five miles of its branch line
10 from Oakfield Plantation to Ashland, provided the amount
11 paid by said county on the said branch and main lines
12 shall not exceed the \$500,000 already subscribed by said
13 county?" and it is hereby made the duty of the county
14 commissioners of said county to appoint a day within
15 that time for meetings to vote thereon; and to notify the
16 selectmen of towns and assessors of plantations thereof,
17 leaving a sufficient time for calling said meetings in the
18 usual form for town meetings. Said commissioners shall
19 cause to be prepared, printed forms for the warrants and
20 returns of said meetings and transmit them with their
21 notifications to town and plantation officers, as above
22 prescribed.

SECT. 2. The selectmen of towns and assessors of
2 plantations in said county, shall call meetings on the date
3 appointed, by issuing and posting warrants therefor as for
4 other town meetings. No such meeting shall be opened
5 before ten o'clock in the forenoon or later than one o'clock
6 in the afternoon and the polls shall be kept open until five
7 o'clock in the afternoon and then be closed.

SECT. 3. At said meetings the vote shall be taken by
2 printed or written ballots, and those in favor of said
3 proposition shall vote "yes," and those opposed shall vote
4 "no," and the ballots cast shall be sorted and counted
5 and the vote declared in open meeting. The municipal
6 officers shall preside as at state elections, and make return

7 thereof to the county commissioners by depositing in
8 some post office in said county, within twenty-four hours
9 after the close of said poll, their return of the votes
10 cast, post paid, directed to the clerk of courts at Houlton
11 in said county, to be transmitted by mail; or personally
12 deliver the same to said clerk within that time.

SECT. 4. The county commissioners of said county
2 shall meet at the court house in Houlton, ten days after
3 said meetings, and canvass the returns and declare the
4 result and the result shall then be recorded by the clerk
5 of courts and be certified on the record by said commis-
6 sioners and clerk, which said record shall be the only
7 record required of the vote cast under this act, and in
8 case a majority of the ballots cast and returned as afore-
9 said, are in favor of said proposition, said commissioners
10 shall carry out the provisions of this act, as ratified by
11 such vote, in the manner hereinafter provided. But if a
12 majority of the ballots cast and returned as aforesaid are
13 opposed to said proposition, then after the expiration of
14 six months from the date of said first meeting, said com-
15 missioners upon the written application of one hundred or
16 more legal voters residing in said county, shall appoint a
17 second day for meeting to vote upon said proposition, in
18 the same manner hereinbefore provided for, but no more
19 than two votes shall be thus taken upon this proposition.

SECT. 5. In case said proposition is adopted as herein-
2 before provided and accepted by said railroad company,
3 then whenever said railroad company shall have graded

4 any section of five miles of its branch line from Oakfield
5 Plantation to Ashland, payment shall be due and be made
6 at the rate of two thousand dollars per mile graded until
7 the whole amount of the par value of said preferred stock
8 subscribed for, shall have been paid pursuant to the pro-
9 visions of this act and the provisions of chapter 250 of
10 the Private and Special Laws of 1891, and for each pay-
11 ment thus made on said branch line, shares of said pre-
12 ferred stock of Bangor and Aroostook Railroad Company
13 shall be issued and delivered to said county treasurer to
14 the same amount in par value thereof, which shall be
15 issued to the inhabitants of said county.

Provided, however, that the amount that can be applied
17 as aforesaid on said branch line from Oakfield to Ashland
18 shall be the difference only between the whole amount of
19 said subscription, (to wit, \$500,000) and such part thereof
20 as is appropriated by chapter 250 of Private and Special
21 Laws of 1891 to that part of the main line of said road
22 from the western boundary of said Aroostook county *via*.
23 Houlton to Presque Isle and Caribou and its branch to
24 Fort Fairfield.

SECT. 6. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, January 17, 1893.

Reported by Mr MAYO from Committee on the Judiciary, and laid on
table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary*.