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Sixty-Sixth Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 145.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT relating to Inter-Locking or Automatic Signals at
Railroad Crossings.

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

SECTION 1. The Board of Railroad Commissioners may,
2 on the application of any railroad corporation whose road
3 crosses another railroad at the same level, after due no-
4 tice and hearing of the parties, authorize the applicant to
5 establish and maintain a system of inter-locking or auto-
6 matic signals, at any crossing of said roads, at its own
7 expense, and erect and maintain the necessary wires,
8 rods, signal posts and signals, in such manner as the
9 board shall prescribe.

And when such system is established, and has obtained
11 the written approval of said board, the corporation estab-
12 lishing the same, and its railroad shall be excepted, as
13 to that crossing, from the provisions of section seventy-
14 six of chapter fifty-one of the Revised Statutes, and of
15 chapter three hundred and thirty-six of the public laws
16 of eighteen hundred and eighty-five, so long as the rail-
17 road commissioners shall continue their approval.

SECT. 2. Whenever, after the establishment and
2 approval of such system of signals, the party owning or
3 operating said other railroad at such crossing shall have
4 paid to the corporation by which said signals were estab-
5 lished such part of the cost for establishing the same as
6 shall, after hearing on petition of the party owning or
7 operating said other railroad, be awarded by the board
8 of railroad commissioners, both railroads shall be excepted,
9 as to that crossing, as provided in section one, from the
10 provisions of section seventy-six of chapter fifty-one of
11 the Revised Statutes, and of chapter three hundred and
12 thirty-six of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and
13 eighty-five.

Until such payment said other railroad corporation shall
15 contribute toward the expense of operating said signals,
16 in semi-annual payments, a sum equal to the cost to it of
17 operating the signals used by it at said crossing before
18 the establishment of the signals herein provided for.

After payment of the award aforesaid the expense of
20 maintaining and operating the same shall be borne by

21 the two railroad corporations according to the propor-
22 tions fixed by the award for paying the original cost of
23 the signals.

And said award, so far as it relates to the cost of main-
25 taining and operating said signals, may, at the request of
26 either party, be revised after an interval of five years
27 from the original award or from the award next preceding
28 such request.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 9, 1893.

Reported by Mr. WATERHOUSE, from Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses, and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary*.