

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Sixty-Seventh Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 41.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to incorporate the Washburn Bridge Company.

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

SECTION 1. Albert A. Burleigh, Thomas H. Phair and  
2 Job Abbott their associates, successors and assigns are  
3 hereby constituted and created a body corporate and politic  
4 by the name of the Washburn Bridge Company and as such  
5 shall have and possess all the powers and be subject to all  
6 the duties and obligations conferred and imposed on cor-  
7 porations by law.

SECT. 2. The capital stock of said corporation shall be  
2 twenty-eight thousand dollars divided into shares of one  
3 hundred dollars each.

SECT. 3. Said corporation is hereby authorized and  
2 empowered to erect a steel toll bridge over the Aroostook  
3 river on stone piers and abutments at any point said cor-

4 poration may select between Islands Number One and  
5 Number Two in said Aroostook river in the town of  
6 Washburn; said bridge to be built in a permanent and  
7 substantial manner, suitable and convenient for the accom-  
8 modation of the public, and said corporation shall have  
9 the right to purchase or take as and for public purposes  
10 and hold so much of the land and other real estate of pri-  
11 vate persons and of corporations as may be necessary for  
12 the location and construction of said bridge, and for the  
13 approaches to said bridge at either or both of the ends  
14 thereof, and to purchase and hold such other real estate  
15 or rights therein and enter into such contracts relating  
16 thereto as may be deemed by said company advantageous  
17 in the operation and management of said bridge. In case  
18 the parties cannot mutually agree upon the price to be  
19 paid for land and other real estate so taken as and for  
20 public purposes, then the damages for the land so taken  
21 shall be determined by the county commissioners in the  
22 same manner and under the same conditions and limita-  
23 tions as are provided by law in the case of damages by  
24 the laying out of highways.

SECT. 4. Said corporation shall have the right to erect  
2 and maintain a toll gate or bar at either or both ends of  
3 said bridge or the approaches thereto, and a toll is hereby  
4 granted for the use of said corporation for passing over  
5 said bridges as follows: For every person on foot, two  
6 cents; for every vehicle drawn by one horse or animal,  
7 ten cents; for every vehicle drawn by two horses or  
8 animals, fifteen cents; for every additional animal attached  
9 to such vehicle, five cents; for every horse and rider, five  
10 cents; for every animal not in harness or teams, three  
11 cents.

SECT. 5. The first meeting of said corporation shall be  
2 called by a written notice stating the time and place thereof,  
3 signed by any corporator herein named, by giving the same  
4 in hand or leaving the same at the last and usual place of  
5 abode, seven days at least before the time of such meeting.

SECT. 6. Said corporation shall at all times keep said  
2 bridge in good repair, safe and convenient for travel thereon,  
3 and at the places where toll shall be collected there shall  
4 be erected and constantly exposed to view a sign with the  
5 legal rates of toll fairly and legibly written or painted  
6 thereon, and at all times when such sign is not so main-  
7 tained no toll shall be chargeable or collectable under this  
8 act.

SECT. 7. Any person passing forcibly through said toll  
2 gate or bar, or over or upon the said bridge without pay-  
3 ing the toll granted by this act, or otherwise evading the  
4 payment of said tolls, shall incur a penalty for each offence  
5 of three dollars, to be recovered by said corporation for  
6 the use of said corporation, in an action of debt.

SECT. 8. Said corporation shall keep proper books of  
2 account, showing therein all its receipts and expenditures,  
3 which shall at all proper times be open to inspection by  
4 the county commissioners of Aroostook county, and shall  
5 annually file with the county commissioners aforesaid on  
6 the first day of February of each year, a statement of the  
7 amount received and expended by it for the year ending  
8 on the first day of January next preceding. And when  
9 said corporation shall have received from said tolls an  
10 amount sufficient to pay all necessary expenses of main-  
11 taining and keeping said bridge in repair and a reasona-  
12 ble compensation to its members, officers, attorneys, ser-

13 vants and agents for expenses and services actually  
14 performed, and the amount of said capital stock and eight  
15 per cent. interest per annum on said capital stock, pay-  
16 able semi-annually, then said bridge shall thenceforth  
17 become and remain free to the public, and shall cease to  
18 be the property of said corporation and shall become the  
19 property of said town of Washburn.

SECT. 9. This act shall take effect when approved.

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STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
January 30, 1895.

Tabled, pending first reading, by Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent, and  
ordered printed.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*