

NEW DRAFT.

Sixty-Seventh Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 136.

STATE-OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to enable the proprietors of the Bangor Bridge to dispose of their Bridge Property.

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

SECTION 1. The cities of Bangor and Brewer, or either 2 of them, are authorized at the expiration of its charter to 3 purchase the bridge, property and appurtenances of the 4 Bangor Bridge Company, on the payment to said com-5 pany, of such sum as may be agreed upon, or as may be 6 found as the value of said bridge, property and appurte-7 nances, by a committee of three men, to be appointed by 8 the chief justice of the supreme judicial court, the award 9 of a majority of whom shall be reported to the supreme

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10 judicial court, in Penobscot county, which court may con-11 firm the same or re-commit it for the correction of errors 12 in procedure, if justice so requires. The award of the 13 committee shall be conclusive as to the amount.

SECT. 2. Said committee may be requested in writing 2 by the cities of Bangor and Brewer or either of them, or 3 by said Bridge Company, at any time, either before or 4 after the expiration of the charter of said company; and 5 said chief justice shall within twenty days thereafter 6 appoint said committee, who shall forthwith organize, and, 7 after due notice and hearing, proceed to the determination 8 of the value of said bridge, property and appurtenances.

SECT. 3. Until said value shall be agreed upon, or 2 determined as aforesaid, and the amount thereof shall be 3 paid to said Bridge Company, the right to take tolls as 4 established by chapter three hundred and twenty-five of the 5 laws of eighteen hundred and forty-six, and not exceeding 6 the rates now charged, shall be continued, subject however 7 to legislative regulation, as provided in said chapter.

SECT. 4. If the cities of Bangor and Brewer shall jointly 2 agree with said Bridge Company, upon said value, or if 3 said value be determined as aforesaid upon the joint 4 request of said cities, and if, in either case, said cities shall 5 be unable to agree upon the respective proportions to be 6 paid by them, such proportions' shall be determined at the 7 request of either city, and after notice to the other and 8 hearing, by the county commissioners of Penobscot county. SECT. 5. From and after payment of said value to the 2 bridge company, as provided in section three, said bridge 3 and its approaches shall be a highway, and shall be main-4 tained by said cities of Bangor and Brewer, and if at any 5 time, said cities shall be unable to agree upon the propor-6 tions of the expense of maintaining said bridge to be borne 7 by them respectively, or the manner or necessity of making 8 repairs upon said bridge, the same shall be determined by 9 the county commissioners of Penobscot county, on request 10 of either city, and after notice to the other, and hearing.

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IN SENATE, February 21, 1895.

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Reported by Mr. SAVAGE, from Committee on the Judiciary, and on motion by Mr. ENGEL of Penobscot, laid on table to be printed.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, Secretary.