

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Ninth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 8.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend section fifty-four of chapter fifty-one of
the Revised Statutes relating to Assignment of Charter or
rights under it by Railroad Corporations.

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

Section fifty-four of chapter fifty-one of the Revised
2 Statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word
3 "legislature" in the third line thereof the following: 'But
4 this shall not be construed to prevent contracts between
5 corporations allowing the trains of one to run over the road
6 of another, both corporations assenting thereto.'

So that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Section fifty-four. No corporation can assign its charter
9 or any rights under it; lease or grant the use or control of

10 its road or any part of it, or divest itself thereof, without
11 the consent of the legislature. But this shall not be con-
12 strued to prevent contracts between corporations allowing
13 the trains of one to run over the road of another, both cor-
14 porations assenting thereto.

On a complaint of a violation of these provisions by any
16 person, the attorney general shall file an information in the
17 nature of quo warranto against the corporation, and the
18 court may enter such decree as justice and equity require.

These provisions do not extend to that portion of the
20 Atlantic and St. Lawrence Railroad in New Hampshire and
21 Vermont; nor is any mortgage, made to secure payment of
22 the debt of said corporation, affected thereby.'

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, January 19, 1899.

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

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*