

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Sixty-Ninth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 87.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT granting William S. Hopkins the right to establish
and maintain a ferry between North Haven and Vinalhaven.

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

Section 1. William S. Hopkins of North Haven in the
2 county of Knox in the State of Maine, his associates and
3 assigns, are hereby authorized and empowered to establish
4 and maintain a ferry across tide-waters of Fox Island
5 thoroughfare, from the shore of land formerly owned by
6 Andrew Kent in North Haven, to the shore of land of Martin
7 M. Hopkins in Vinalhaven, the termini of said ferry to be
8 substantially the same as the termini of the ferry now oper-
9 ated by said Hopkins between said towns; with the right to

10 keep and maintain suitable boats to be propelled by oars, sails,
11 cable, horse-power, steam or electricity, as the public conven-
12 ience may require, for the prompt and safe conveyance and
13 transportation of passengers, teams, carriages and freight;
14 and they are authorized, for this purpose, to lay and main-
15 tain a cable across said Fox Island thoroughfare, between
16 the termini above mentioned, but in no way to obstruct navi-
17 gation. Said Hopkins or his associates or assigns are hereby
18 authorized and empowered to erect and maintain at the ter-
19 minal points of said ferry such wharves, slips, landings, toll
20 houses, waiting rooms and other structures as may be neces-
21 sary for the proper and convenient operation and mainte-
22 nance of said ferry; and for that purpose to take and hold, or
23 purchase and lease, real estate at the terminal points of said
24 ferry. If the parties cannot agree as to the value of any
25 land taken under this act, the value shall be fixed and the
26 damages assessed in the manner provided by law in cases
27 where real estate is taken for railroads.

Sect. 2. The rates of tolls on said ferry shall be established
2 from time to time by the selectmen of the towns of North
3 Haven and Vinalhaven, acting as a joint board, on application
4 of said Hopkins or his associates or assigns.

Sect. 3. Said Hopkins, his associates and assigns, shall
2 provide and maintain a suitable bell at the terminal point of
3 said ferry on the Vinalhaven side, so placed and of such size
4 that the ringing of said bell can be readily heard on the
5 North Haven side of said ferry by the ferryman; they shall
6 also maintain a suitable waiting room on the Vinalhaven
7 side of said ferry for the accommodation of passengers. For
8 any unreasonable neglect or delay promptly to transport
9 teams or passengers across said ferry, the person operating
10 said ferry shall be liable to a penalty of five dollars for each

11 violation hereof to be recovered in an action on the case by
12 the county of Knox for the benefit of said county.

Sect. 4. Any person who keeps a ferry contrary to the
2 provisions of this act, or who transports passengers, teams or
3 freight between said towns of North Haven and Vinalhaven,
4 across said Fox Island thoroughfare, within a statute mile
5 above or below the ferry established by this act, for hire, or
6 who furnishes for hire a boat or other craft for such a pur-
7 pose, forfeits four dollars for each day such ferry is kept or
8 for each time of transportation, the same to be recovered by
9 said Hopkins or his associates or assigns, to their use in an
10 action on the case.

Sect. 5. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are
2 hereby repealed.

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

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, February 10, 1899.

Reported by Mr. VIRGIN of Portland, from Committee on Judiciary,
and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*