

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Seventieth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 71

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to authorize the City of Rockland to control the
brooks and streams therein to prevent pollution of same,
and to better protect public health.

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

Section 1. The city of Rockland is hereby authorized and
2 empowered to enter upon and clear of obstructions and to
3 improve, widen and deepen, straighten or change the
4 course of the channel of any brook or stream or any part
5 or parts of same within the limits of the city, and for such
6 purpose said city is hereby authorized from time to time,
7 to purchase or take and hold so much land on each side of
8 any brook or stream therein as may be deemed necessary.
9 When lands are taken otherwise than by purchase, the

10 proceedings shall be as provided in section nine of chapter
11 one hundred, laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-one,
12 relating to drains and common sewers in Rockland.

Sect. 2. It shall be unlawful for any owner of abutting
2 land on any brook or stream in said city, or other person
3 to divert or change the channel of any such brook or stream,
4 or to construct walls or embankments on the sides thereof
5 or cover over same in such manner as to obstruct or divert
6 the flow of water therein without first obtaining permission
7 so to do from the city council of said city, which permis-
8 sion and order shall be in writing specifying the manner
9 and conditions of such change or method of construction,
10 and no person shall deposit in any such brooks or streams
11 any offal, rubbish or material of any kind which shall
12 obstruct the free passage of water or tend to pollute the
13 same. The city of Rockland is hereby empowered to
14 enact such by-laws or ordinances and fix such penalties
15 for violation of same as may be deemed necessary in rela-
16 tion thereto.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, February 6, 1901.

Reported by Mr CARLETON of Winthrop, from Committee on the
Judiciary, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*