

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Seventieth Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 13

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT relative to the issue of Capital Stock and Bonds
by Quasi Public Corporations.

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

Section 1. Railroad, street railway, telegraph, tele-
2 phone, gas, electric light, aqueduct and water companies,
3 whether organized under general laws or under special
4 charter, and however authorized to issue capital stock and
5 bonds, shall issue only such amounts of stock and bonds
6 as may from time to time, upon investigation by the
7 Board of Railroad Commissioners, be deemed and be
8 voted by them to be reasonably requisite for the purposes
9 for which such issue of stock or bonds has been author-
10 ized. The said Board shall announce a decision within

11 thirty days from the date of the last hearing upon the
12 application of any such company for permission to issue
13 such stock or bonds. The vote of the Board approving
14 such issue shall specify the respective amounts of stock
15 and bonds authorized to be issued for the respective pur-
16 poses to which the proceeds thereof are to be applied.
17 Any such decision and vote of the Board of Railroad Com-
18 missioners shall be filed in writing in the office of the said
19 Board within seven days after the rendering thereof and
20 shall assign in writing the reasons for the decision. A
21 certificate setting forth the vote of the Board shall within
22 three days after said vote be filed in the office of the Sec-
23 retary of State before the certificates of stock or the bonds
24 are issued, and no company included in the terms of this
25 act shall apply the proceeds of such stock or bonds to any
26 purpose not specified in such certificate. Nothing con-
27 tained in this act shall be construed as impairing any
28 existing requirements of law in relation to the issue of
29 capital stock or bonds by any such companies, provided
30 such requirements are not inconsistent herewith.

Sect. 2. Any member of the board of directors, or any
2 treasurer, or other officer, or agent, of any company
3 included in the terms of this act, who knowingly votes to
4 authorize the issue of or knowingly signs, certifies or
5 issues stock or bonds contrary to the provisions of this
6 act, or who knowingly votes to authorize the application
7 of, or knowingly applies the proceeds of such stock or
8 bonds contrary to the provisions of this act, or who know-
9 ingly votes to assume or incur, or knowingly assumes or
10 incurs in the name or behalf of any such corporation, any
11 debt or liability except for the legitimate purposes of the

12 corporation, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one
13 thousand dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding one
14 year, or by both fine and imprisonment.

Sect. 3. Any court having jurisdiction in equity, may,
2 on the application of said commissioners, or of the
3 Attorney General, or of any stockholders, or of any
4 interested party, enforce all lawful orders and decisions
5 of said commissioners made in pursuance of the provisions
6 of this act, and all provisions of law herein contained
7 respecting such companies.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, January 23, 1901.

Reported by Mr. WHITE from Committee on the Judiciary, and
ordered printed and re-committed.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary*.