

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Seventy-first Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 260

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT authorizing the county commissioners of Cumberland
county to erect a county building in Portland.

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

The county commissioners of the county of Cumberland
2 are authorized to erect and maintain in the city of Portland
3 a county building of modern, fire-proof construction, contain-
4 ing suitable court rooms, registries, county offices, library
5 rooms and such other rooms, accommodations and con-
6 veniences as to such commissioners may seem necessary or
7 desirable, and for that purpose to acquire suitable land, either
8 by purchase, exchange or by taking as for public uses, and
9 in order to provide for the payment thereof to borrow money
10 and issue interest bearing bonds of said county. Said county
11 commissioners shall cause any land so taken to be surveyed,

12 located and so described that the same can be identified, and
13 shall cause a plan and description thereof to be filed in their
14 office and there recorded. The filing of said plan and descrip-
15 tion shall vest the title to said land in said county, or its
16 grantees, to be held during the pleasure of said county.

If compensation for land taken as aforesaid is not agreed
18 upon, the owner of said land shall have just compensation
19 therefor, to be determined by a commission of three disin-
20 terested persons, not residents of said county of Cumberland,
21 appointed by any justice of the supreme judicial court, upon
22 petition of the owner of said land or of said county commis-
23 sioners, directed to said court and filed in said court at any
24 time within one year after said plan and description are filed
25 in the office of said county commissioners as aforesaid. Such
26 commission shall, after hearing, make its award and return
27 the same to said court within six months from date of its
28 appointment. The supreme judicial court may confirm such
29 award or reject it or recommit it or submit the subject matter
30 thereof to a new commission. Such commission shall have
31 full power to summon and examine witnesses, call for books
32 and papers for the determination of said compensation and
33 may fix the time and place of hearing and adjourn the same
34 from time to time.

Said county commissioners are authorized to dispose of the
36 interest of said county in and to the land at the corner of
37 Congress and Myrtle streets in said Portland whereon the
38 city building of said city is located, and to adjust with said
39 city all matters, whether of contract or otherwise relating to
40 said land.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, March 5, 1903.

Reported by Mr. POTTER of Brunswick, from the Cumberland County
Delegation, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*