

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

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# Seventy-first Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 425

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT relating to bonds to be given by treasurers of towns  
and plantations.

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

Section 1. The treasurer of each and every town and plan-  
2 tation, shall, before entering upon the discharge of his official  
3 duties, give bond to the inhabitants of his town or plantation,  
4 with good and sufficient sureties and for such sum as shall be  
5 designated by the municipal officers of his town or planta-  
6 tion, not exceeding, however, twice the amount of the taxes  
7 to be collected during the year for which he is treasurer,  
8 conditioned for the faithful discharge of all the duties and  
9 obligations of his office. If such bond is not furnished and

10 delivered to the municipal officers, within ten days after writ-  
11 ten demand by the municipal officers on the treasurer there-  
12 for, the office of treasurer shall be deemed vacant, and the  
13 town or plantation, at any meeting of its inhabitants legally  
14 called, may elect a treasurer to fill the vacancy, or the muni-  
15 cipal officers may fill the vacancy by written appointment  
16 which shall be recorded by the town or plantation clerk in  
17 the town or plantation records. The municipal officers shall  
18 be the sole judges of the sufficiency of such bond and sure-  
19 ties. Such bond, after its approval and acceptance by the  
20 municipal officers, shall be recorded by the town or plantation  
21 clerk, and such record shall be prima facie evidence of the  
22 contents of such bond, but a failure to so record shall be no  
23 defence in any action upon such bond. The municipal offi-  
24 cers, however, in their discretion, may accept any surety  
25 company authorized to do business in the State, as surety on  
26 such bond, and dispense with any further surety or sureties  
27 thereon. Any town or plantation may lawfully vote, at its  
28 annual meeting, to raise money to be expended by its treas-  
29 urer, under the direction of the municipal officers, for the  
30 purpose of purchasing from any surety company authorized  
31 to do business as aforesaid, the bond required by this section.

Sect. 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this  
2 act, are hereby repealed.

Sect. 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of June,  
2 nineteen hundred and three.



STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, March 18, 1903.

Reported by Mr. SMITH of Presque Isle, from Committee on the  
Judiciary, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*