

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Seventy-first Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 501

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to authorize the navigation, by steam or electricity, of
Range ponds in the town of Poland.

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

Section 1. Edward P. Ricker, Alvin B. Ricker and Hiram
2 W. Ricker, their associates and assigns, are hereby authorized
3 to clear, deepen and widen the channels or canals connecting
4 the upper and the middle of the Range ponds in Poland,
5 county of Androscoggin, at their own expense, but shall in
6 no way interfere with the dam at the outlet of the middle of
7 said Range ponds, or do any act to change the water levels of
8 said ponds. And said incorporators, their associates and

9 assigns, for the passage thereunder of boats suitable for the
10 navigation of said ponds, may raise to a reasonable height, the
11 highway bridge over the stream between the upper and mid-
12 dle of said ponds, at their own expense but so as not to hinder
13 public travel over said bridge.

Sect. 2. After such improvements shall have been made,
2 at an expense of not less than fifteen hundred dollars, the said
3 incorporators, their associates and assigns, shall have the
4 exclusive right of navigation on said ponds, the channels and
5 streams connecting the same, by boats or other water craft
6 propelled by steam, naphtha or electricity, for the carriage of
7 passengers for hire, for the period of ten years from approval
8 of this act, except that any other person or company owning
9 boats or water craft, propelled by steam, naphtha or elec-
10 tricity, shall have the right to use the same on said ponds, the
11 channels and streams connecting the same, for the carriage of
12 passengers for hire, upon the payment of their proportional
13 part of said improvements so made, to these incorporators,
14 their associates or assigns, taking into account the number of
15 boats used which are propelled by steam naphtha or elec-
16 tricity. And after said payment, such person or company
17 shall have the same right of navigation in said ponds, their
18 connecting streams and channels, as the foregoing incorpo-
19 rators, their associates and assigns, have under this act.

Sect. 3. If the sum of one thousand dollars shall not be
2 expended within two years from the date of the approval of
3 this act in making said improvements upon said ponds, then
4 this act shall become void.

Sect. 4. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, March 20, 1903.

Reported by Mr. PETTENGILL of Rumford, from Committee on
Interior Waters, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*