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Seventy-first Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 109

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to authorize the County Commissioners of Somerset County to borrow a sum of money with which to build an extension to the Court House in Skowhegan, in said county.

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

Section 1. The treasurer of the county of Somerset is 2 hereby authorized to procure a loan, on the faith and respon- 3 sibility of said county, of such sum or sums of money as the 4 county commissioners of said county shall by order direct, 5 not exceeding in all twenty-five thousand dollars, exclusive 6 of and in addition to loans provided for by section seventeen 7 of chapter seventy-eight of the Revised Statutes, as amended 8 by chapter two hundred and seventy-six of the Public Laws 9 of the State of Maine for the year 1889, to be expended by 10 and under the direction of the county commissioners of said

11 county for the purpose of enlarging, improving and repairing
12 the county court house and appurtenances thereof, in said
13 county, the interest on said sum or sums to be paid annually,
14 and the principal to be reimbursed by said county at such
15 time or times as said commissioners may agree upon, but
16 the whole amount to be paid within twenty years; and the
17 said treasurer is hereby authorized to issue his scrip as
18 county treasurer therefor, with coupons for interest attached,
19 or to issue interest bearing, negotiable promissory notes of
20 said county therefor, payable in manner as aforesaid, such
21 scrip, and coupons and notes to be signed by the treasurer
22 and countersigned by the county commissioners of said
23 county.

Sect. 2. But said county commissioners shall not authorize 2 the loan hereinbefore provided until after notice and public 3 hearing thereon by said county commissioners, which hear-4 ing shall be given at the court house in Skowhegan the second 5 Tuesday of June, 1903, and notice thereof, setting forth the 6 time, place and purposes of said hearing shall be given by 7 publication in each and every newspaper published in said 8 county, the first publication in each newspaper to be at least 9 thirty days before said hearing.

Sect. 3. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of 2 this act, the county commissioners of Somerset county are 3 authorized to take by eminent domain, any land that may be 4 necessary, contiguous to the court house lot, in said Skow-5 hegan. They shall file in the registry of deeds office in the 6 county of Somerset, plans of the location of any land taken 7 under the provisions of this act, and no entry shall be made 8 on any land, except to make surveys, until the expiration of 9 ten days from said filing; and with such plans the said com-10 missioners may file in the office of the registry of deeds afore-11 said, a statement of the damages they are ready to pay any

12 person for any property, so taken, and if the amount finally 13 awarded does not exceed such sum, the county shall recover 14 costs against such person, otherwise such person shall recover 15 costs against the county. If any person is aggrieved by the 16 award of damages made by the said county commissioners, 17 they may appeal to the next term of the supreme judicial 18 court for the county of Somerset, to be held at said Skow-19 hegan, after thirty days from the date of the filing of said 20 plans and statement in the office of the registry of deeds, and 21 all subsequent proceedings shall be had in the same manner 22 and under the same conditions, restrictions and limitations 23 as are by law provided in the case of damages by the laying 24 out of highways.

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

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 24, 1903.

Reported by Mr. GOODWIN from Somerset, County Delegation, and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, Secretary.