

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Seventy-first Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 211

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to authorize extensions of the Bangor and Aroostook
Railroad, in Aroostook, Piscataquis and Penobscot counties.

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

Section 1. For and during a period of ten years from and
2 after this passage of this act, the Bangor and Aroostook Rail-
3 road Company is hereby authorized and empowered to build
4 in one or more of the counties of Penobscot, Piscataquis and
5 Aroostook (but only in that part of said counties west of that
6 part of the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad which runs from
7 Brownville to Van Buren and north of that part of the Cana-
8 dian Pacific Railroad which extends from the west line of the
9 State to said part of said Bangor and Aroostook Railroad)

10 extensions of its railroad, and extensions of any line of rail-
11 road the franchise of which it may, under legislative authority
12 acquire, and extensions of such extensions and branches to
13 connect with its said railroad, and branches to connect with
14 any railroad which it may acquire as aforesaid or with any
15 such extension by complying with the provisions of this act.

Sect. 2. Whenever said company shall desire to build any
2 such extensions or any such branch, it may present to the
3 railroad commissioners a petition setting forth its said desire,
4 accompanied with a map of the proposed route as near as
5 may be of such extension, or such branch as the case may be,
6 on an appropriate scale.

The board of railroad commissioners shall, on presentation
8 of such petition, appoint a day for a hearing thereon and the
9 petitioner shall give such notice thereof as said board shall
10 order, in order that all persons interested may have an oppor-
11 tunity to appear and be heard thereon.

If the board of railroad commissioners after such notice and
13 hearing shall find that public convenience or necessity requires
14 the construction of such railroad, said board shall file with the
15 secretary of state a certificate of that fact, together with a
16 copy of said petition, and shall furnish said railroad company
17 with a like certificate, and thereupon said railroad company
18 shall be and become possessed of the right to build, equip and
19 operate such branch or extension.

Sect. 3. The provisions of chapter 186 of the Public Laws
2 of the year 1897, and any acts amendatory thereof shall not
3 apply to the issuance of an increase of the capital stock of
4 said company to an amount in the aggregate of not more than
5 six thousand dollars per mile for each mile of any extension
6 or branch which said company may be authorized to build
7 pursuant to the provisions of this act.

Before commencing the construction of any such extension
9 or branch the provisions of section 6 of chapter 51 of the

10 Revised Statutes so far as they may be applicable shall be
11 complied with and thereafter all the provisions of the general
12 railroad law, except as the same are modified by this act, shall
13 be applicable to every such extension and branch.

Sect. 4. The provisions of section 1 of chapter 122 of the
2 Private and Special Laws of the year 1891, as amended by
3 chapter 362 of the Private and Special Laws of the year 1893,
4 shall apply to the Fish River Railroad, provided the Bangor
5 and Aroostook Railroad Company shall with legislative con-
6 sent acquire said railroad and the franchise thereof, and shall
7 apply to any extensions and any branches which may be built
8 under the authority given in this act.

Sect. 5. Said Bangor and Aroostook Railroad Company is
2 hereby authorized to enter into agreements from time to time
3 with the State of Maine amending the contract between said
4 parties heretofore executed pursuant to section 4 of chapter
5 122 of the Private and Special Laws of the year 1891 so as
6 to include in said contract the present railroad owned by said
7 company, the Fish River Railroad, whenever said company
8 shall, pursuant to legislative authority, acquire said Fish
9 River Railroad and the franchise thereof, and so as to include
10 from time to time all extensions and branches which may be
11 built by the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad Company under
12 the authority given in this act.

Whenever any such agreement shall be executed by said
14 company and be approved by vote of its board of directors
15 and shall be presented to the treasurer of the State it shall be
16 his duty to execute said contract in behalf of the State and
17 thereafter he shall carry out the provisions of said contract
18 as at the time amended during the term of said contract.

Sect. 6. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 13, 1903. 7

Reported by Mr. HYDE from Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs
and Expresses, and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary*.