

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Seventy-first Legislature.

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SENATE.

No. 244

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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 to amend section 16, chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes relating to railroads.

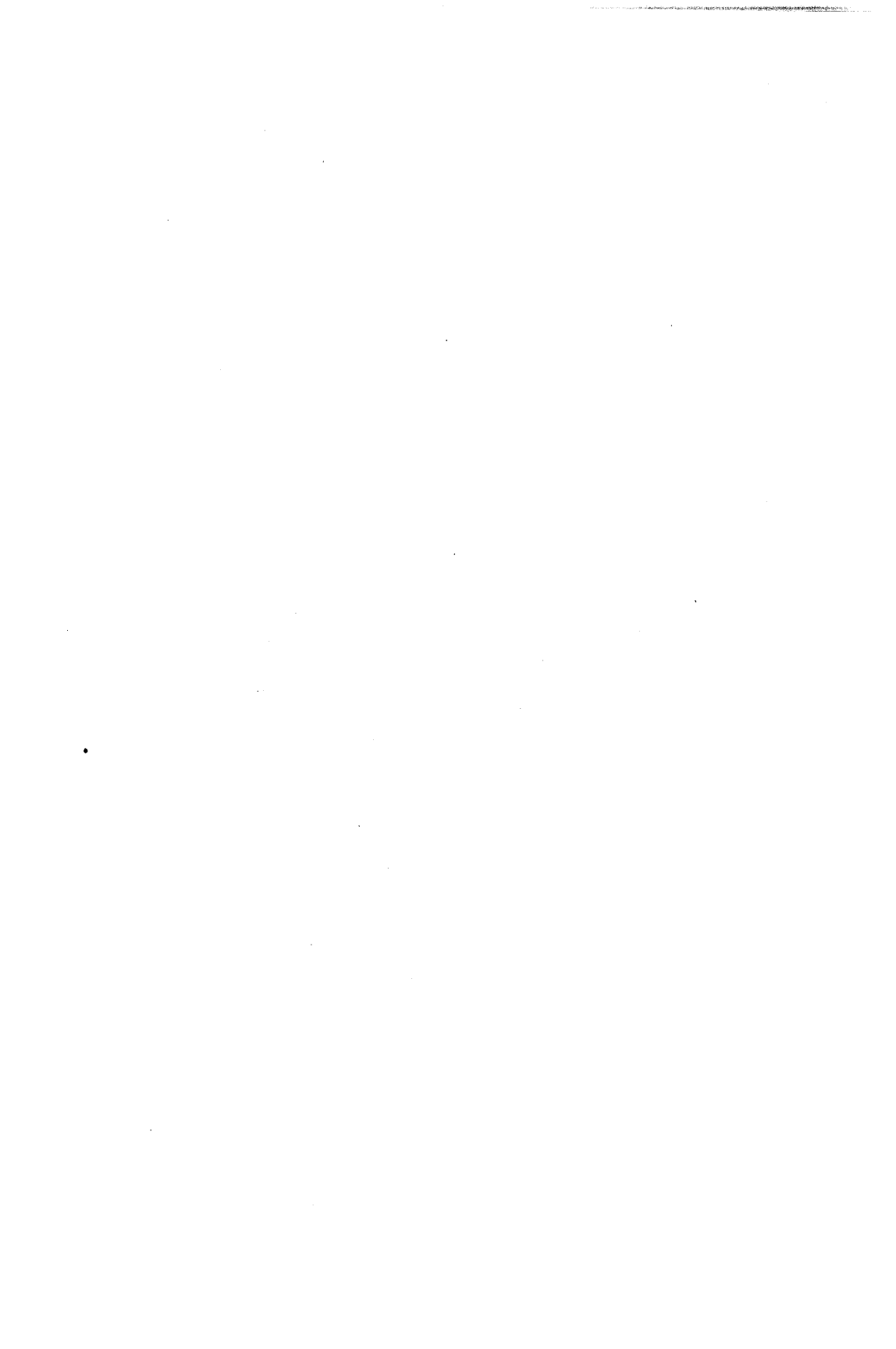
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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

Section 1. Section sixteen of chapter fifty-one of the  
2 Revised Statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the  
3 word "stations" in the third line thereof the words 'coal-  
4 sheds,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 16. Any railroad corporation may also purchase or  
6 take and hold, as for public uses, land for borrow and gravel  
7 pits, necessary tracks, side tracks, stations, coal-sheds, wood-  
8 sheds, repair shops, and car, engine and freight houses; but  
9 if the owner of said land does not consent thereto, or if the  
10 parties do not agree as to the necessity therefor or the area  
11 necessary to be taken, the corporation may make written appli-

12 cation to the railroad commissioners, describing the estate,  
13 and naming the persons interested; the commissioners shall  
14 thereupon appoint a time for the hearing near the premises,  
15 and require notice to be given to the persons interested, as  
16 they may direct, fourteen days at least, before said time; and  
17 shall then view the premises, hear the parties and determine  
18 how much, if any, of such real estate is necessary for the  
19 reasonable accommodation of the traffic and appropriate  
20 business of the corporation. If they find that any of it is so  
21 necessary they shall furnish the corporation with a certificate  
22 containing a definite description thereof; and when it is filed  
23 with the clerk of courts in the county where the land lies, it  
24 shall be deemed and treated as taken; provided, however, that  
25 when land is held by a tenant for life, and the reversion is  
26 contingent as to the persons in whom it may vest on the  
27 termination of the life estate, such fact shall be stated in the  
28 application, and the commissioners shall, in addition to the  
29 notice to the tenant for life, give notice by publication to all  
30 others interested, in such manner as they may deem proper.'



STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, March 19, 1903.

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

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary.*