

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

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# Seventy-first Legislature.

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SENATE.

No. 253

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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 authorize steam railroad corporations to build and  
operate street railroads and purchase or lease such railroads.

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

Section 1. Every railroad corporation established under  
2 the laws of this State, owning or operating railroads therein  
3 with steam for a motive power, shall have the same right to  
4 construct and operate street railroads as that possessed by a  
5 company formed under the general laws for that purpose,  
6 by complying with the provisions of said general laws as they  
7 now exist or may be hereafter amended.

Sect. 2. Any such railroad desiring to avail itself of such  
2 right shall, by vote, increase its capital stock to an amount  
3 equal to the requirements of law for the railroad already  
4 owned by it and the requirements of law for the street rail-  
5 road proposed to be built, if the existing amount be not equal  
6 to such amount, and shall present to the Board of Railroad  
7 Commissioners a written application, subscribed and sworn  
8 to by a majority of its directors, setting forth the desire of  
9 the petitioners, and that the required amount of capital stock  
10 has been in good faith subscribed by responsible persons, and  
11 that five per cent thereof has been paid in, in cash, to the  
12 treasurer of said corporation. If such application is approved  
13 by the Board of Railroad Commissioners, such corporation  
14 shall have the right to avail itself of all the provisions of the  
15 general laws for the construction and operation of street rail-  
16 roads, and shall have the same right to build and operate  
17 such roads in the public highways and be subject only to the  
18 duties, liabilities and restrictions as to such portions of its  
19 railroad as are built under the provisions of this act as are  
20 by the provisions of the general laws conferred or imposed  
21 upon street railroad corporations in their use of the public  
22 highways.



STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, March 19, 1903.

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*.