

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 252

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to extend the charter of the Norridgewock Bridge Proprietors and to authorize the town of Norridgewock to take and purchase the property of the same.

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

Section 1. The charter of the Norridgewock Bridge Proprietors is hereby extended for the period of twenty years from the first day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and five, subject, however, to the provisions for purchase hereinafter authorized.

Sect. 2. The rates of toll shall be the same as granted to said proprietors by the provisions of chapter four hundred

3 and fifty-six of the Private and Special Laws of this State,
4 approved February 4th in the year of our Lord one thousand
5 eight hundred and sixty-five.

Sect. 3. The town of Norridgewock, with such assistance
2 as may be hereafter granted by the county of Somerset or
3 the State of Maine, is authorized to take and purchase the
4 bridge, property and appurtenances of the Norridgewock
5 Bridge Proprietors, on the payment to said proprietors of
6 such sum as may be agreed upon, or as may be found as the
7 value of said bridge, property and appurtenances, by a com-
8 mittee of three disinterested men, to be appointed by the chief
9 justice of the supreme judicial court, the award of a majority
10 of whom shall be reported to the supreme judicial court, in
11 Somerset county, within sixty days after said hearing, in term
12 time or in vacation, for the confirmation of said chief justice,
13 and the award of said committee shall be conclusive. The
14 costs of appraisal shall be a part of the purchase price. In
15 determining the said value nothing shall be awarded for the
16 franchise.

Sect. 4. The said town of Norridgewock may at any time
2 file a petition in the office of the clerk of the supreme judicial
3 court for the county of Somerset, in term time or in vacation,
4 addressed to the chief justice of said court, who, after notice
5 to said bridge company, shall, after hearing and within thirty
6 days after the filing of said petition, appoint said committee,
7 who shall forthwith organize, and after due notice and hear-
8 ing, proceed under instructions from said court to the deter-
9 mination of the value of said bridge, property and appurte-
10 nances.

Sect. 5. From and after the payment of the said value to
2 the said bridge proprietors the said bridge and its approaches
3 shall become a public highway and shall be maintained as a
4 free bridge by the said town of Norridgewock.

Sect. 6. The town of Norridgewock is hereby authorized
2 to raise the money to be used in payment for said bridge, by
3 issuing its bonds in such denomination and payable at such
4 times as said town may vote at any legally called town meet-
5 ing.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Augusta, February 24, 1905.

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E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk*