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# SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE.

No. 614

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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An ACT to incorporate the Hancock and Sullivan Bridge  
Company.

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

Section 1. Orlando W. Foss and Charles H. Wooster of  
2 Hancock, Bradbury Smith, Stewart E. Phelps and Will R.  
3 Havey of Sullivan, Bedford E. Tracy of Winter Harbor and  
4 George H. Grant of Ellsworth, all in the county of Hancock,  
5 their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby made a  
6 corporation by the name of the Hancock and Sullivan  
7 Bridge Company, with power to build and maintain a toll  
8 bridge across Taunton bay or Sullivan river, so-called, be-

9 tween the towns of Hancock and Sullivan, in said county;  
10 and said corporation shall have power to purchase and hold  
11 such personal and real estate as may be necessary for the  
12 use and purposes of said corporation, and the more advanta-  
13 geous carrying on of its business and accomplishment of its  
14 objects; may prosecute and defend suits at law, may have  
15 and use a common seal, may make by-laws for the man-  
16 agement of its concerns, not repugnant to the laws of the  
17 State, and shall enjoy all the other powers and privileges  
18 incident to or usually granted to similar corporations.

Sect. 2. Subject to the provisions of the federal statutes  
2 on the subject, said bridge shall be erected across said bay  
3 or river from near the point just above the terminus of the  
4 road now existing on the Sullivan shore leading to Sullivan  
5 ferry, so-called, to near the terminus of the ferry road on  
6 the Hancock shore, being the same location and over the  
7 stone foundations of the piers of the last bridge erected across  
8 said river, shall be constructed of good and proper materials,  
9 of a suitable height from the water and of suitable width for  
10 the accommodation of public travel, and also, if required, of  
11 sufficient width for an electric railroad, with suitable and  
12 sufficient railings for the surety of passengers and such draw  
13 as may be reasonably necessary to permit the navigation on  
14 said bay or river, and with such approaches as may be  
15 required, including a proper way from Waukeag station of  
16 the Maine Central Railroad Company to the terminus of  
17 said bridge on the Hancock shore, and such terminals as

18 will permit the use of said bridge by an electric railroad;  
19 and for these purposes to take and hold or purchase and lease  
20 lands. If the parties cannot agree as to the value of any  
21 land taken under this act, the value shall be fixed and the  
22 damages assessed in the manner provided by law in cases  
23 where real estate is taken by railroads.

Sect. 3. A toll is hereby granted and established for the  
2 benefit of this corporation according to the rates following,  
3 namely: for every foot passenger, ten cents, for each horse  
4 and rider, fifteen cents, for each sleigh, sled, cart, wagon,  
5 chaise, chair or sulky drawn by one beast, thirty-five cents,  
6 for each sleigh, sled, cart or wagon drawn by two horses,  
7 fifty cents, for each additional horse or beast, beyond two in  
8 sleighs, sleds, carts or wagons, ten cents, for droves of neat  
9 cattle, horses and mules, ten cents each, for sheep and swine,  
10 five cents each for a bicycle and rider, fifteen cents, for an  
11 automobile, thirty-five cents, and no additional toll shall be  
12 charged for persons actually traveling in any of the vehi-  
13 cles above named, but this exception shall not extend to per-  
14 sons taken in for the purpose of avoiding toll, and only one  
15 person as a driver to each team shall be allowed to pass  
16 free of toll, and said tolls may be commuted by this corpora-  
17 tion by taking of him or them a smaller sum for the season  
18 or for tickets sold in quantities. Said corporation may  
19 transport freight and baggage to and from said Waukeag  
20 Station to the Sullivan terminus of said bridge for a proper  
21 and reasonable compensation, and no bridge, ferry or other

22 means of transportation of property or persons across said  
23 river for toll shall be established within one statute mile  
24 above or below said bridge.

Sect. 4. Said corporation is hereby authorized to contract  
2 with any street railroad company for the use of that part of  
3 said bridge laid out or built for the running of an electric  
4 railroad over it, by lease or otherwise, upon such terms as  
5 may be mutually agreed, and to execute all necessary instru-  
6 ments therefor, provided, however, that that part of said  
7 bridge shall not be used for an electric railroad until  
8 approved as to safety by the railroad commissioners, and that  
9 said part of it shall at all times be subject to the orders of  
10 said commissioners in all matters affecting the public safety  
11 in such use thereof in the same manner as bridges owned by  
12 railroad corporations.

Sect. 5. At the place of collecting tolls, this corporation  
2 shall keep constantly exposed to the public view a board or  
3 sign upon which shall be plainly printed the rates of toll  
4 aforesaid; and whenever the toll gatherer shall be absent  
5 from the toll house, the gates shall be left open and the bridge  
6 toll free, and said toll shall commence on the day when the  
7 bridge is first open for passengers.

Sect. 6. The capital stock of said corporation shall be one  
2 hundred thousand dollars, which may be increased to any  
3 sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty thousand dollars  
4 by a vote of said corporation, and be divided into shares of  
5 one hundred dollars each, and said company may issue bonds

6 to an amount not exceeding the amount of its capital stock,  
7 for the construction of its bridge, to be secured by mortgage  
8 on its real and personal estate and franchise.

Sect. 7. If this corporation shall fail to begin the erection  
2 of such bridge within five years from the approval of this  
3 act, and to have the same ready for use by the thirty-first day  
4 of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine  
5 hundred and twelve, then this act shall be void and of no  
6 effect.

Sect. 8. Any three of the persons named in the first sec-  
2 tion of this act may call the first meeting of the corporation  
3 intended to be formed under the provisions of this act, by  
4 giving in hand to each of the corporators, or by mailing to  
5 him a notice of the time and place of meeting for the pur-  
6 pose of organizing, seven days before the day of meeting.

Sect. 9. The towns of Hancock, Sullivan, Gouldsboro,  
2 Sorrento and Winter Harbor in the County of Hancock, or  
3 any of them, are hereby empowered to take stock in the Han-  
4 cock and Sullivan Bridge Company to any amount not  
5 exceeding five thousand dollars to a town; providing the  
6 inhabitants of said town or towns, shall, by a majority vote  
7 of those present at a legal meeting, called for the purpose  
8 authorize the same.

Sect. 10. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 16, 1907.

Reported by Mr. LANE from Committee on Ways and Bridges and  
ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk*