

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

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SENATE.

No. 279

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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 Trustees of Machiasport Bridge.

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

Section 1. The citizens of the towns of Machiasport and  
2 East Machias shall constitute a body politic and corporate  
3 under the name of the Trustees of Machiasport Bridge, for  
4 the purpose of building and maintaining a bridge between  
5 said towns.

Sect. 2. Said trustees are hereby authorized and empow-  
2 ered to erect and maintain a bridge over the west branch of  
3 the Machias river, from a point near the dwelling house of  
4 Melvin Morse, in Machiasport, to a point on the east side of  
5 said river, near the Washington county railway station, in  
6 East Machias; said bridge shall be built of suitable mate-

7 rials, shall not be less than eighteen feet in width, and shall  
8 in all respects be made safe for the passage of travelers.

Sect. 3. Said bridge shall be constructed with a good and  
2 sufficient draw or hoist therein, over the deepest part of the  
3 channel of the river, not less than 45 feet wide, with piers  
4 or wharves, so that vessels may pass conveniently; and said  
5 trustees shall cause said draw or hoist to be hoisted or opened  
6 free of expense, and without unnecessary delay, for the  
7 accommodation of all vessels, that may have occasion to pass  
8 through the same; and said bridge shall be constructed so  
9 that open boats (without masts), launches, and rafts of lum-  
10 ber can conveniently pass under the same; and said trustees  
11 shall sink and maintain all necessary buoys and moorings  
12 above and below said bridge, to facilitate the passage of ves-  
13 sels bound up and down said river through the draw of said  
14 bridge.

Sect. 4. The inhabitants of the town of Machiasport and  
2 the inhabitants of the town of East Machias, may raise and  
3 appropriate money each year, and expend the same under  
4 the direction of said trustees, in building, constructing and  
5 maintaining said bridge.

Sect. 5. The affairs of said trustees shall be managed by  
2 a board of fourteen members, seven of which shall be  
3 selected by the inhabitants of each of said towns, and they  
4 shall hold office for one year, except as herein provided.

Sect. 6. Said board of trustees may make and adopt from  
2 time to time, such rules, by-laws and regulations for the

3 management of the affairs of the trustees; as they deem  
4 necessary and proper.

Sect. 7. The following named citizens of Machiasport;  
2 Irving M. Bangs, Geo. A. Welch, B. F. Small, J. W. Cates,  
3 F. H. Sanborn, S. N. Tobey, S. L. Bulson, and the following  
4 named citizens of East Machias, C. Hollis White, Harry M.  
5 Gardner, Carl G. Wiswell, James A. Foster, J. Anson Wis-  
6 well, W. F. Pope and C. B. Ober, shall be and are hereby  
7 constituted the first board of trustees authorized by this act,  
8 and shall hold office until the last day of the next month of  
9 March, after such bridge shall be completed and opened to  
10 the public.

Sect. 8. Said trustees shall render their services without  
2 compensation.

Sect. 9. The first meeting of the board of trustees named  
2 in this act may be called at the request of any one of said  
3 board, by giving each member personal notice of the time,  
4 place and purpose of said meeting.

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

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, March 15, 1907.

Reported by Mr. THERIAULT from Committee on Ways and Bridges,  
and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

F. G. FARRINGTON, *Secretary.*