

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE.

No. 34

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 27, 1909.

*Ordered,* That the justices of the Supreme Judicial Court  
2 are hereby required to give to the House of Representatives,  
3 according to the provisions of the Constitution in this behalf,  
4 their opinion on the following question, to wit: Has the  
5 Legislature the legal power under the Constitution of the  
6 State of Maine to enact the following bill now pending:

“AN ACT to encourage and aid the building of a railroad  
through the undeveloped portion of Northern Maine.

*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as  
follows:*

“Section 1. Provided the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad  
12 Company shall, in good faith, on or before January 1, 1911,  
13 commence to build a line of railroad which shall begin at  
14 its present main line in the vicinity of West Sebois and

15 shall finally extend in a general northerly direction to the  
16 St. John River, as the same may be legally laid out, and  
17 shall commence to build a railroad into or through the  
18 towns of Washburn and Perham; thereupon when said  
19 Railroad Company shall commence to build such railroads,  
20 said Railroad Company is hereby authorized to enter into  
21 an agreement with the State of Maine, for the transporta-  
22 tion, over the lines of railroad which it is now operating,  
23 and over any railroad which it may build, of troops and  
24 munitions of war in times of war, insurrection or civil com-  
25 motion, free of charge other than as herein provided, until  
26 January 1, 1921, and to receive therefor from said State  
27 annually for the term of said contract an amount which  
28 shall equal ninety-five per cent of the taxes collected in  
29 the corresponding year by said State upon the lines of rail-  
30 road which it is now operating and upon any other lines  
31 of road which it may build, and upon its real and personal  
32 property, including its stock and franchise.

“Whenever before January 1, 1911, the building of said  
34 lines of railroad shall in good faith be commenced, there-  
35 upon said Railroad Company may execute such a contract  
36 and present it to the Treasurer of said State, and it shall  
37 be the duty of said Treasurer to execute said contract in  
38 behalf of said State, and thereafter said Treasurer shall  
39 pay over to said corporation each year during the term of  
40 said contract the amount provided in this Act.”



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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Jan. 28, 1909.

Tabled pending passage by Mr. PATTANGALL of Water-  
ville, ordered printed and Wednesday, Feb. 3, assigned.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*