

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE.

No. 57

STATE OF MAINE.

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

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
2 Company shall, in good faith, on or before January 1, 1911,
3 commence to build a line of railroad which shall begin at
4 its present main line in the vicinity of West Sebois and
5 shall finally extend in a general northerly direction to the
6 St. Johns River, as the same may be legally laid out, and
7 shall commence to build a railroad into or through the towns
8 of Washburn and Perham; thereupon when said Railroad
9 Company shall commence to build such railroads, said Rail-
10 road Company is hereby authorized to enter into an agree-

11 ment with the State of Maine, for the transportation, over
12 the lines of railroad which it is now operating, and over
13 any railroad which it may build, of troops and munitions of
14 war in times of war, insurrection or civil commotion, free
15 of charge other than as herein provided, until January 1,
16 1921, and to receive therefor from said State annually for
17 the term of said contract an amount which shall equal
18 ninety-five per cent of the taxes collected in the correspond-
19 ing year by said State upon the lines of railroad which it
20 is now operating and upon any other lines of road which it
21 may build, and upon its real and personal property, includ-
22 ing its stock and franchise.

Whenever before January 1, 1911, the building of said
24 lines of railroad shall in good faith be commenced, there-
25 upon said Railroad Company may execute such a contract
26 and present it to the Treasurer of said State, and it shall be
27 the duty of said Treasurer to execute said contract in behalf
28 of said State, and thereafter said Treasurer shall pay over
29 to said corporation each year during the term of said con-
30 tract the amount provided in this act.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE,

January 26, 1909.

Taken from table on motion by Mr. STAPLES of Knox
and on his motion re-tabled for printing pending reference to a
committee in concurrence, and 1000 extra copies ordered printed.

F. G. FARRINGTON, *Secretary*.