

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 23

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*House of Representatives, Jan. 25, 1911.*

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*C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to incorporate the Saint John River Toll Bridge  
Company.

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

Section 1. William H. Cunliffe, Frank W. Mallett, A. G.  
2 Fenlason, David C. Burpee, J. Raymond Burpee, William D.  
3 Burpee, their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby  
4 constituted a body corporate and politic by the name of the  
5 Saint John River Toll Bridge Company, for the purpose of  
6 erecting and keeping in repair a bridge across the Saint John  
7 river between the town of Van Buren, in the county of  
8 Aroostook, in the state of Maine, and the parish of Saint  
9 Leonards, in the county of Madawaska, in the province of  
10 New Brunswick, and for said purpose and all others herein

11 mentioned or incidental thereto, may consolidate or unite  
12 with any corporation organized for a similar purpose, acting  
13 in behalf of, or under, or by virtue of an act or authority  
14 granted by the legislature of the province of New Brunswick,  
15 or the parliament of the dominion of Canada, and all of the  
16 authority which may be conferred by such act of the legisla-  
17 ture or parliament aforesaid, is likewise authorized and  
18 granted by this act, to the corporation formed by such con-  
19 solidation, even though not specifically mentioned herein;  
20 and said corporation, or the corporation formed by such con-  
21 solidation, shall have power to purchase and hold such per-  
22 sonal and real estate as may be necessary for the use and  
23 purposes of said corporation, and the more advantageous car-  
24 rying on of its business and accomplishment of its objects;  
25 may prosecute and defend suits at law, may have and use a  
26 common seal, may make by-laws for the management of their  
27 concerns, not repugnant to the laws of the state, and shall  
28 enjoy all the other powers and privileges incident to or usu-  
29 ally granted to similar corporations.

Sect. 2. Said bridge shall be erected across the Saint John  
2 river opposite Van Buren village, in the town of Van Buren,  
3 in the most practicable place, shall be constructed of good  
4 materials, of a suitable height from the water, and not less  
5 than twenty-four feet wide, with suitable and sufficient cov-  
6 erings and railings for the safety of passengers, and sufficient  
7 passage ways shall be left for the passage of boats, rafts, logs  
8 and timber.

Sect. 3. A toll is hereby granted and established for the  
2 benefit of this corporation or the corporation formed by such  
3 consolidation, according to the rates following, namely: For  
4 every foot passenger five cents, for each horse and rider  
5 eight cents, for each sleigh, sled, cart, wagon, chaise, chair  
6 or sulky drawn by one beast ten cents, for each sleigh, sled,  
7 cart or wagon drawn by two beasts fifteen cents, for each  
8 additional horse or beast beyond two in sleighs, sleds, carts  
9 or wagons five cents, for droves of neat cattle, horses, mules  
10 and asses, three cents, for sheep and swine two cents each,  
11 and no additional toll shall be charged for persons actually  
12 traveling in any of the vehicles above named, but this excep-  
13 tion shall not extend to persons taken in for the purpose of  
14 avoiding toll, and only one person as a driver to each team  
15 shall be allowed to pass free of toll, and said tolls may be  
16 commuted by this corporation or such corporation formed  
17 by the union or consolidation as aforesaid, by taking of him  
18 or them a smaller sum for the season, or for tickets sold in  
19 quantities.

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

Sect. 5. If this corporation or a corporation formed by  
2 the union or consolidation of this corporation as provided  
3 for in this act, shall fail to begin the erection of such bridge  
4 within four years from the approval of this act, and to have  
5 the same ready for use by the first of May, in the year of  
6 our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, then this  
7 act shall be void and of no effect.

Sect. 6. The capital stock of said corporation shall be  
2 forty thousand dollars, which may be increased to fifty  
3 thousand dollars by a vote of said corporation, and be di-  
4 vided into shares of one hundred dollars each, and said com-  
5 pany may issue bonds to an amount not exceeding the amount  
6 of its capital stock, for the construction of its bridge, to be  
7 secured by mortgage on its real and personal estate and  
8 franchise.

Sect. 7. Any three of the persons named in the first sec-  
2 tion of this act, may call the first meeting of the corpora-  
3 tion intended to be formed under the provisions of this act,  
4 by giving in hand to each of the incorporators, or by mailing  
5 to him a notice of the time and place of meeting for the pur-  
6 pose of organizing, seven days before the day of meeting.