

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 329

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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 relative to the Bangor and Brewer Bridge.

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

Section 1. The cities of Bangor and Brewer, in the coun-  
2 ty of Penobscot and state of Maine, are hereby authorized  
3 and directed forthwith as soon as this act shall take effect,  
4 to construct two new, substantial steel or concrete spans  
5 replacing the two wooden spans now a part of the Bangor  
6 and Brewer highway bridge, so called, within the limits of  
7 the cities of Bangor and Brewer, over the Penobscot river  
8 and connecting the said city of Bangor with the said city of  
9 Brewer.

Said cities of Bangor and Brewer may alter the present  
11 approaches to said bridge or construct new approaches to

12 said bridge if said alteration or construction of said ap-  
13 proaches be deemed necessary. Said spans and approaches  
14 shall be of sufficient width, strength and construction safely  
15 to permit the passage over said bridge of the traffic thereby  
16 to be accommodated.

Sect. 2. The said cities of Bangor and Brewer are hereby  
2 authorized and directed forthwith as soon as this act shall  
3 take effect, to alter or repair the existing piers and abut-  
4 ments of said bridge, as may be necessary, or to construct  
5 such new piers and abutments or either, as may be necessary  
6 properly and safely to support the superstructure of said  
7 bridge.

Sect. 3. The cost and expense incurred hereunder shall  
2 be borne and paid by said cities of Bangor and Brewer in  
3 the proportion of four-fifths by the city of Bangor and one-  
4 fifth by the city of Brewer, and all revenue received from  
5 any or all corporations and companies using this bridge un-  
6 der the conditions specified in section five of this act, shall  
7 be distributed between the two said cities in the proportion  
8 of four-fifths to the city of Bangor and one-fifth to the city  
9 of Brewer.

Sect. 4. After said improvements, additions, alterations  
2 and repairs shall be completed, the said bridge shall be main-  
3 tained by the cities of Bangor and Brewer in the proportion  
4 of four-fifths by the city of Bangor and one-fifth by the  
5 city of Brewer.

Sect. 5. The city councils of the cities of Bangor and

2 Brewer shall have exclusive authority to grant permission  
3 to any corporation operating an electric railroad in said  
4 cities of Bangor and Brewer, or either of said cities, to lay  
5 its tracks and wires and operate its railroad over and upon  
6 said bridge, and said city councils shall also have exclusive  
7 authority to grant permission to any gas company, telephone  
8 company, telegraph company, and any other public service  
9 company or corporation to erect, lay and maintain their  
10 pipes, mains, poles, cables, wires and other necessary appa-  
11 ratus over and upon said bridge, and said city councils may  
12 impose such conditions and terms upon said companies and  
13 corporations desiring to use said bridge as aforesaid, as they  
14 may deem expedient.

Sect. 6. There shall be constituted a bridge committee of  
2 five members, four of whom shall be elected by the city  
3 council of the city of Bangor and one by the city council  
4 of the city of Brewer, the tenure of office of whom shall be  
5 fixed by said city councils respectively. Of the committee  
6 elected by the city council of the city of Bangor, not more  
7 than two shall be from the same political party and no mem-  
8 ber of said committee shall at the time of his election be a  
9 stockholder in said companies or corporations. Said com-  
10 mittee shall have authority to investigate and recommend  
11 to both said city councils the terms and conditions upon  
12 which said permission may be granted to said corporations  
13 and companies as specified and described in section five of  
14 this act, and to make report thereof to both said city coun-

15 cils. Said report shall be advisory only and nothing con-  
16 tained in this section shall be construed in any manner as  
17 taking from said city councils the authority to impose said  
18 terms and conditions upon which said permission may be  
19 granted as specified and provided in section five of this act.

Sect. 7. The municipal officers of the city of Bangor shall  
2 upon the petition of four hundred qualified voters of said  
3 city cause a special election to be held within thirty days  
4 from the day of the filing of said petition, for the purpose  
5 of ratifying or rejecting such actions as the said city council  
6 may take in imposing terms upon such corporations and  
7 companies for use of said bridge as provided for in section  
8 five of this act.

Said petition to be valid shall be filed with the city clerk  
10 of said city of Bangor within seven days from the time said  
11 action is taken by said city council, and if a majority of the  
12 votes cast at said special election are in favor of rejecting  
13 the action of said city council, said action shall be rendered  
14 null and void.

If a majority of votes shall be in affirmation of said action,  
16 then said action will be final.