

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 421

House of Representatives, March 3, 1911.

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C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend Chapter three hundred fifty-nine, of the
Special Laws of 1909, relating to maintenance of a dam across
Big Machias Stream, in the town of Ashland.

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

Section one, chapter three hundred fifty-nine, of the Spe-
2 cial Laws of 1909, is hereby amended by substituting for the
3 words "shall not," in the fourteenth line of said section, the
4 word 'may,' so that said section as amended shall read as
5 follows:

'Section 1. George R. Ketchum of Ashland, his heirs and
7 assigns are hereby authorized and empowered to erect and
8 maintain a dam across Big Machias stream, so called, in the
9 town of Ashland on lots numbered fifty-five and fifty-six,
10 for the purpose of raising a head of water and facilitating

11 the driving of logs and lumber down the same; also to erect
12 and maintain piers and booms in said stream in said town
13 of Ashland and in Garfield plantation, for the purpose of
14 holding all logs and lumber coming down said stream and
15 destined for use or manufacture by said Ketchum. Said
16 Ketchum is authorized to impound and restrain the natural
17 flow of said waters only when and in so far as is necessary
18 for log-driving purposes. The dam authorized by this act
19 may be used for power purposes.

‘All the property, rights and franchises within the state of
21 Maine acquired, erected, owned, held or controlled by the
22 said Ketchum, or his heirs and assigns, at any time after
23 this act shall take effect, under and by virtue of the terms
24 thereof, shall be subject to be taken over by, and become the
25 property of, the state of Maine, whenever said state shall
26 determine, by appropriate legislation, that the public inter-
27 ests require the same to be done. Upon taking effect of such
28 legislation, the ownership of said property, rights and fran-
29 chises shall immediately be transferred to, and vest in, said
30 state of Maine, and said state shall pay to said corporation
31 the fair value of all the same, excepting, however, such
32 franchises and rights as are conferred upon said Ketchum
33 under and by virtue of the provisions of this act, which said
34 franchises and rights shall be wholly excluded in the deter-
35 mination of the amount to be paid to said Ketchum by said
36 state of Maine.