

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 39

In Senate, Jan. 16, 1913.

Presented by Senator Hastings of Androscoggin, and on motion by same Senator laid on the table for printing, pending reference to a committee.

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE in favor of a cooperative survey of the boundary line between the State of Maine and the State of New Hampshire.

Resolved, That the State Water Storage Commission be
2 authorized and directed to enter into negotiations with the
3 State of New Hampshire and the U. S. Geological Survey
4 for the purposes of a cooperative survey of the boundary
5 line between the State of Maine and the State of New
6 Hampshire, and, on the completion of said survey, the
7 boundary line so marked shall be and is accepted as the
8 official boundary line between the State of Maine and the
9 State of New Hampshire; and the said commission is fur-
10 ther authorized and directed to make such a survey and
11 demarcation of said boundary line after, in its opinion, suit-
12 able arrangements have been made with said State of New

13 Hampshire and said U. S. Geological Survey, regarding the
14 proportionate part of the expenses of such survey that each
15 of the three parties hereto should pay.

Said boundary line shall be marked at regular or conve-
17 nient intervals by suitable monuments, provided that when-
18 ever feasible, such monuments shall also be placed at the
19 intersections of each town line and the said state boundary
20 line; and in addition to such words, letters and dates on
21 said monuments, as may be deemed necessary, shall, in
22 addition, have the elevations above sea level indicated on
23 said monuments; and provided, further, that in the location
24 of the town boundary monuments, the State Water Storage
25 Commission shall consult with the proper officials of the
26 respective towns.

The expenses of said survey and demarcation shall be paid
28 out of any moneys in the treasury of the state not otherwise
29 appropriated, under the direction of the Governor and
30 Council.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The last survey of the boundary line between the State of Maine and the State of New Hampshire was made in 1874. It is now in such a poor state of demarcation that at the present time controversies are increasing regarding property boundaries and many thousands of dollars are involved. In order to reduce to a minimum such controversies and possible future court proceedings, it is advisable to resurvey said boundary line in accordance with modern and approved methods and to mark same with suitable monuments. The State of New Hampshire should be asked to cooperate in this survey so that the final line, as determined, shall be accepted as the official boundary line between the two states. The U. S. Geological Survey has made a number of similar state boundary surveys where the line has been in dispute, in some cases in very serious dispute, and is especially adapted to make such a survey according to modern methods. It is expected that both the State of New Hampshire and the U. S. Geological Survey may be willing to share the expenses of such a survey.