

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 291

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*In Senate, Feb. 12, 1913.*

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

*W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.*

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## STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to amend Section 1 of Chapter 94 of the Revised  
Statutes of Maine relating to mills and mill dams.

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

Section 1. Section 1 of chapter 94 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word "navigable" in the third line of said section, the following words: 'but in no case shall any dam be erected or the height of any present dam raised that will cause lands belonging to other persons or corporations to be covered by water unless by special act of the legislature.' So that said section as amended shall read as follows:

‘Section 1. Any man may on his own land, erect and  
10 maintain a water mill and dams to raise water for working  
11 it, upon and across any stream, not navigable, but in no  
12 case shall any dam be erected or the height of any present  
13 dam raised that will cause lands belonging to other persons  
14 or corporations to be covered by water unless by special  
15 act of the legislature; or, for the purpose of propelling mills  
16 or machinery, may cut a canal and erect walls and embank-  
17 ments upon his own land, not exceeding one mile in length,  
18 and thereby divert from its natural channel the water of  
19 any stream not navigable, upon the terms and conditions,  
20 and subject to the regulations hereinafter expressed.’