

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 411

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*In Senate, Feb. 28, 1913.*

*Presented by Senator Packard of Knox, and on motion by Senator Maxwell 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 67 of Chapter 52 of the Revised  
Statutes relating to accidents on railroads.

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

Section 1. Section 67 of chapter 52 of the Revised Statutes is amended by striking out the words "and written out in full and signed by the witness either at the time of the investigation, or as soon thereafter as practicable. Prefixed to his signature shall be a statement that the deposition has been carefully read by the witness, or carefully read to him, before signing." So that said section as amended shall read as follows:

‘Sect. 67. In the event of any such accident, the railroad  
10 commissioners, or the chairman thereof, shall, if they or he  
11 deem the public interests require it, cause an investigation  
12 to be made forthwith by the board, which investigation shall  
13 be held in the locality of the accident, unless, for reasons  
14 touching the convenience of all concerned, the commissioners  
15 shall order it to be commenced at some other place; but in  
16 either case, the investigation may be adjourned to some other  
17 suitable and convenient place. The board or the chairman  
18 thereof, shall seasonably notify the officers of the company,  
19 and also, if the accident shall have resulted fatally to one  
20 or more persons, the county attorney of the county where  
21 the accident occurred, of the time and place of the investi-  
22 gation. The board shall have power to issue subpoenas for  
23 witnesses, and the testimony of each witness shall be taken  
24 before a sworn stenographer. Immediately after the in-  
25 vestigation the board shall make a special report, stating  
26 what it finds to be the cause of the accident, transmit copies  
27 thereof to such county attorney, and the railroad corpora-  
28 tion concerned, and publish the same in its annual report.  
29 The taxable cost of the investigation shall be made up and  
30 certified to the governor and council by the board, and the  
31 same shall be paid by the state. Witnesses in all such cases  
32 shall be allowed the same fees as in the supreme judicial  
33 court.’