

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 369

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*In Senate, March 16, 1915.*

*Reported by Sen. Colby from Committee on Ways and  
Bridges, and ordered printed under joint rules.*

*W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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RESOLVE in favor of aid in rebuilding a bridge between the  
island town of Southport and the town of Boothbay Harbor.

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*Resolved,* That there be and hereby is appropriated for  
2 the year nineteen hundred and fifteen, the sum of seven  
3 thousand and five hundred dollars (\$7500) for the purpose  
4 of rebuilding the bridge across Townsend Gut, so called,  
5 between the island town of Southport and the town of  
6 Boothbay Harbor in the county of Lincoln; provided that  
7 there be appropriated by the town of Southport the sum  
8 of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the same purpose,  
9 and further provided that any additional cost for said bridge  
10 above seventeen thousand five hundred dollars (\$17,500)  
11 shall be borne by said town of Southport.

The town of Southport is hereby directed to raise and  
13 appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) in

14 the year nineteen hundred and fifteen and shall pay said  
15 sum so raised into the state treasury on or before the  
16 first day of October, nineteen hundred and fifteen. The  
17 total sum so appropriated shall be expended under the direc-  
18 tion of the State Highway Commission.

Said town of Southport shall make said bridge a free  
20 bridge. The bridge shall be maintained and kept in repair  
21 by the town of Southport.

The towns of Southport and Boothbay Harbor by their  
23 municipal officers shall employ a suitable draw tender to  
24 open and close the draw in said bridge. Each town shall  
25 pay one-half the expenses of the draw tender and of main-  
26 taining lights required by the war department.

The town of Boothbay Harbor shall pay the town of  
28 Southport toward said bridge the sum of three thousand  
29 dollars and interest as follows: three hundred dollars and  
30 interest at four per cent. on or before the first day of Oc-  
31 tober of each year until the full sum is paid.

The amount paid by the town of Southport to the Squir-  
33 rel Island Village Corporation for the year nineteen hun-  
34 dred and fifteen, under the provisions of chapter twelve  
35 of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred and  
36 nine, and the amount paid to the Capitol Island Village  
37 Corporation for the year nineteen hundred and fifteen, un-  
38 der the provisions of chapter eighty-seven of the private  
39 and special laws of nineteen hundred and thirteen, shall  
40 also be exclusive of the amount said town of Southport is

41 required to raise under this resolve, in addition to the state  
42 and county tax as provided in said chapters above referred  
43 to. The amount paid said corporation from year to year  
44 after the year nineteen hundred and fifteen shall also be  
45 exclusive of the amounts said town of Southport is required  
46 to raise to pay its draw tender and for keeping the bridge  
47 in repair and to pay bonds and interest on bonds, which  
48 may be issued to raise money to rebuild said bridge.

The amount hereafter paid by the town of Boothbay Har-  
50 bor to the Isle of Springs Association under the provisions  
51 of chapter one hundred and forty-two of the private and  
52 special laws of nineteen hundred and three, and the Bay-  
53 ville Village Corporation under the provisions of chapter  
54 twenty-seven of the private and special laws of nineteen  
55 hundred and eleven, shall also be exclusive of the amount  
56 said town of Boothbay Harbor is required to raise and pay  
57 annually under this resolve in addition to the state and  
58 county tax as provided in said chapters above referred to.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The Island town of Southport is separated from the main land by a channel about four hundred and seventy feet wide, across which the town of Southport built a toll bridge about twenty years ago and still maintains such toll bridge. Under present conditions the town of Southport is not able to build the new bridge without help, either as a toll bridge, or a free bridge. The bridge connects Southport with the town of Boothbay Harbor and it seems only fair that the town of Boothbay Harbor should help build and maintain the bridge. With a little help from the State and help from the town of Boothbay Harbor a free bridge can be built and maintained.

The bridge is getting old and unsafe and must be rebuilt. People in this locality believe that a free bridge should replace the toll bridge.