

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 76

In Senate, Feb. 1, 1917.

Referred to Committee on Public Utilities and one thousand copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

Presented by Mr. Lord of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN

AN ACT to authorize the Public Utilities Commission to require through routes and joint rates by common carriers for the transportation of persons or property.

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

The Public Utilities Commission may after hearing, on a
2 complaint or upon its own motion without complaint, re-
3 quire any two or more common carriers, whose lines form
4 a continuous line of transportation or could be made to do
5 so by the construction and maintenance of switch connec-
6 tion or interchange track at connecting points, to establish
7 through routes, and joint rates, fares, charges and classifi-

8 cations for the transportation of property or passengers.

On failure of common carriers to establish joint rates,
2 fares, charges or classifications, the commission may, in
3 the same proceeding or in a separate proceeding involving
4 rates, fares, charges or classifications, prescribe joint rates,
5 fares, charges and classifications as the maximum to be ex-
6 acted for the transportation by them of property or passen-
7 gers, and if such companies cannot agree as to the division
8 of rates, fares, or the conditions under which such through
9 routes or transportation shall be established or such cars
10 or other equipment operated, commission may, after due
11 hearing, determine and prescribe the proportionate portions
12 of such through rates, fares or charges payable to each of
13 such companies necessary to the establishment of such
14 through routes or transportation, or to the operation of such
15 cars or other equipment.