

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 44

House of Representatives, Jan. 27, 1921.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Bridges, and 1000 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Elmore of Camden.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE

AN ACT to Incorporate the Kennebec River Bridge Company.

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

Section 1. W. C. Glidden, Frank B. Nichols, F. W. Carlton, W. T. Patterson, W. G. Hubbard, W. T. Loud, W. A. Cochran, Eben Chase, Byron N. Giles, Alpheus Dodge, C. R. Tupper, George A. Gregory, Lyman H. Merry, Luther Maddocks, Phineas Gray, Herman Castner, E. E. Philbrick, George A. Cowan, E. W. Nash, Joseph Hatch, Ernest E. Glidden, Harold Smith, Henry Chamberlain, A. T. Thorpe, F. W. Jackson, Forrest E. Ware, Forrest H. Bond, John P. Kelley, George W. Walker, N. B. Eastman, Charles A. Creighton, William G. Washburn, Wilbur P. Strong, W. T.

11 Cobb, I. L. Snow, Maynard S. Bird, Elmer S. Bird, W. D.
12 Talbot, E. M. Lawrence, H. M. McDougall, A. S. Little-
13 field, M. A. Johnson, Hiram Ricker, E. W. Wheeler and
14 George W. Goethals, who are interested in building a bridge
15 across the Kennebec river between Bath and Woolwich, in
16 the state of Maine, and their associates, successors and as-
17 signs, are hereby created a body corporate by the name of
18 the Kennebec River Bridge Company, for the purpose of
19 building, erecting, maintaining and operating a good and
20 sufficient iron, steel or concrete bridge across the Kennebec
21 river from a convenient point in North Bath, across said
22 Kennebec river, near to or over Winslows Rocks to some
23 convenient point on the opposite shore in Woolwich, con-
24 necting on the two ends with the railroad of the Maine
25 Central Railroad Company, or any extensions thereof, and
26 with the state highway, or such roads as may connect said
27 state highway, with the right to erect suitable piers, abut-
28 ments and anything else necessary to make said bridge rea-
29 sonably safe, suitable and convenient for the traveling pub-
30 lic passing over same by train, automobiles, teams, horses
31 and carriages, or on foot.

Said bridge shall be constructed of such width as shall be
2 reasonably convenient for the passage of steam or electric
3 trains, carrying either passengers or freight, or both, and
4 in addition thereto, shall have separate and suitable passage-
5 ways, suitable and sufficient for the passage across same

6 by people with automobiles, horses, teams and carriages and
7 on foot.

Said corporation shall have the right to take and hold by
2 eminent domain such property, at either end of said bridge,
3 as may be necessary and convenient for establishing and
4 maintaining suitable approaches to said bridge, either in
5 connection with said railroad or any extensions thereof, or
6 any roadways that may be established for the convenience
7 of the traveling public, connecting with the said state high-
8 way.

Said bridge shall be so constructed as to meet the approval
2 of the public utilities commission of the state of Maine, and
3 also of the war department of the United States. It shall
4 contain within it such drawer as may be prescribed and
5 required by said war department.

In case of any dispute as to the price to be paid therefor
2 for any property taken in making said approaches and con-
3 nections of said bridge with said railroad and said state
4 highway, said corporation shall pay such damages as shall
5 be ascertained and determined by the county commissioners
6 for the counties in which said property is so taken, in the
7 same manner and under the same conditions and limita-
8 tions as are by law provided in case of damages in the lay-
9 ing out of highways, and further, said corporation shall
10 have all the rights and privileges and be subject to all the
11 duties and liabilities of such corporation as defined by the
12 laws of this state.

Sect. 2. The object of this corporation being to cause a
2 suitable bridge to be built across the Kennebec river be-
3 tween Bath and Woolwich, connecting with the state high-
4 way on each end, so that there may be a continuous state
5 highway, without any break, which may be used not only
6 for the convenience of the traveling public, but also to serve
7 as a suitable military road in time of need, said corporation
8 is authorized to transfer, lease or sell all its rights, with the
9 approval of the public utilities commission, to the United
10 States government, the Maine Central Railroad Company,
11 the state of Maine, or a combination of any of these parties,
12 either of them, or to any other combination that may be
13 approved by the public utilities commission, to the end that
14 said bridge may be built as herein provided and for the
15 purposes herein proposed. Any such transfer shall confer
16 all of the rights herein conferred upon these incorporators,
17 and in case a transfer is made by sale, it shall be without
18 compensation to these incorporators.

Sect. 3. Said corporation shall be authorized to fix its
2 capital stock in such an amount as may be determined by
3 the public utilities commission of Maine, and shall issue
4 said stock and any bonds in such amount and on such terms
5 as may be approved by the public utilities commission of
6 Maine, which body is herein expressly invested with all
7 necessary authority for carrying out the provisions of this
8 section.

Sect. 4. Said corporation may buy, rent, lease or take by

2 eminent domain any lands necessary to the needs of said
3 corporation, the damages to be adjusted as is hereinbefore
4 provided.

Sect. 5. Said corporation may sell, transfer, rent, or lease
2 said bridge, if necessary, and on such terms as may be rea-
3 sonably convenient and necessary for the purposes of carry-
4 ing out the intent of the above project. It may also, if
5 found necessary in operating said bridge, charge such tolls
6 as may be approved by the public utilities commission for
7 the use and travel of trains and persons with teams, auto-
8 mobiles and carriages; or on foot, and they may construct
9 or rent such suitable buildings or other structures, as may
10 be reasonably necessary for its use in connection with said
11 bridge, with the further right to purchase, rent, or take by
12 eminent domain, any lands that may be necessary for same,
13 the damages to be assessed as hereinbefore provided.

Sect. 6. Any three persons named in the first section of
2 this act may fix the time of holding the first meeting of this
3 corporation and give notice thereof to their associates. At
4 said meeting, said corporation shall be organized, officers
5 chosen and such by-laws adopted, that may not be repug-
6 nant to the laws of the state, as may be necessary to carry
7 out the objects of this act.