

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 6

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In Senate, January 18, 1921.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Bridges, and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Baxter of Sagadahoc.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to Establish the Bath State Ferry Commission.

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

Section 1. The governor, by and with the advice and  
2 consent of the council, and before the first day of August  
3 in the year nineteen hundred and twenty-one, shall appoint  
4 three commissioners, all of whom shall be resident in the  
5 city of Bath, and one of whom shall be designated as chair-  
6 man, which commission shall be jointly known as the Bath  
7 State Ferry Commission. The chairman of the commis-  
8 sion first appointed shall hold office for four years, and  
9 the other members thereof shall hold office for three and  
10 two years respectively; and the terms of the two latter

11 shall be designated by the governor when making the ap-  
12 pointment. Each member thereafter appointed shall hold  
13 office for four years. Any vacancy occurring in said com-  
14 mission shall be filled in the same manner as by original  
15 appointment, but such appointment shall be only for the  
16 unexpired portion of the term in which such vacancy oc-  
17 curs. Abandonment by any commissioner of his residence  
18 in Bath shall operate a vacancy in his said office.

Sect. 2. From and after the first day of August, nine-  
2 teen hundred and twenty-one, the Bath State Ferry Com-  
3 mission shall have the general control, management and  
4 direction of the public ferry owned, maintained and operated  
5 by the state, between Bath and Woolwich on the Kenne-  
6 bec river; except that the public utilities commission shall  
7 have the same jurisdiction over the ferry service main-  
8 tained by the state, in the matter of rates and facilities, as  
9 it has in the case of other public utilities, under the pro-  
10 visions of chapter fifty-five of the revised statutes and acts  
11 amendatory thereof and additional thereto; but, in deter-  
12 mining matters of rates and facilities, the public utilities  
13 commission shall subordinate the consideration of a fair  
14 return upon the fair value of all the property of said ferry,  
15 as applicable to public utilities operated for gain and profit,  
16 to the consideration of the necessities of an adequate, con-  
17 venient and reasonable public service.

Sect. 3. Said Bath State Ferry Commission shall keep  
2 and render to the public utilities commission detailed ac-  
3 counts of its management and operation of said public

4 ferry, in accordance with the requirement of section seven-  
5 teen of chapter fifty-five of the revised statutes; and an  
6 abstract or summary thereof shall be published by the pub-  
7 lic utilities commission in its annual report.

Sect. 4. The annual salary of each member of the Bath  
2 State Ferry Commission shall be two hundred and fifty  
3 dollars, to be paid from and charged against the gross re-  
4 ceipts from the operation of said public ferry.

Sect. 5. So much of the provisions of chapter two hun-  
2 dred and twelve of the public laws of nineteen hundred and  
3 nineteen, as are inconsistent with the provisions of this  
4 act, are hereby repealed.