

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 69

In Senate, February 18, 1921.

Read and passed Legal Affairs and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Holt of Hancock.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Create the Hancock-Sullivan Bridge District.

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

Section 1. The towns of Hancock, Sullivan, Sorrento,
2 Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor in the county of Hancock
3 and the people within the same shall constitute a public
4 municipal corporation under the name of Hancock-Sullivan
5 Bridge District, for the purpose of building a bridge be-
6 tween the towns of Sullivan and Hancock in the county of
7 Hancock across Tonton Bay or Sullivan River, so-called,
8 from terminus of the road now existing.

Sect. 2. Said Hancock-Sullivan Bridge District shall have
2 the right of eminent domain to take all land necessary for

3 laying out a location for a new bridge, approaches and
4 buildings for tools, draw tender and any other buildings
5 necessary for use of said district.

Sect. 3. All affairs of said bridge district shall be man-
2 aged by a board of trustees composed of ten members, two
3 chosen by Hancock, two by Sullivan, two by Sorrento, two
4 by Gouldsboro, and two by Winter Harbor; said trustees
5 may choose a treasurer, clerk and such other officers and
6 agents as they deem necessary for the proper management
7 of the affairs of the district, and may establish a code of
8 by-laws and all necessary rules and regulations for the
9 proper conduct of the affairs of said district.

Sect. 4. Said bridge district is hereby authorized and
2 empowered to acquire by purchase or by the exercise of
3 the right of eminent domain, which right is expressly dele-
4 gated to said bridge district for said purpose, the purchase
5 of land on each shore necessary for the construction of the
6 bridge.

Sect. 5. For accomplishing the purposes of this act said
2 bridge district, through its trustees, is authorized to bor-
3 row money temporarily and issue therefor the interest bear-
4 ing negotiable notes of the district and for the purpose of
5 refunding or paying said indebtedness, may from time to
6 time issue negotiable bonds of the district to an amount
7 necessary in the judgment of the trustees therefor; said
8 negotiable notes and bonds shall be legal obligations of
9 the bridge district which is hereby declared a quasi-mu-

10 nicipal corporation within the meaning of the revised stat-
11 utes. The bonds of said district shall be a legal investment
12 for the savings banks of the state, and shall be exempt from
13 all taxation.

Sect. 6. The property of said district shall be exempt from
2 all taxation in the town or towns where said bridge district
3 is located.

Sect. 7. Said bridge shall be a free bridge.

Sect. 8. All incidental powers, rights and privileges neces-
2 sary to the accomplishment of the main object herein set
3 forth are granted to the public municipal corporation here-
4 by created.

Sect. 9. Seven or more of said trustees shall have full
2 power to act notwithstanding any vacancy in the board
3 caused by failure of any town to choose a member thereof,
4 or however otherwise caused. In each year the trustees
5 shall determine the amount required for interest and sink-
6 ing fund and shall apportion said amount among the towns
7 in the district in accordance with their respective valua-
8 tions as fixed by the board of state assessors. On or be-
9 fore April first in each year the trustees shall certify the
10 sum apportioned to each of said towns to the assessors
11 thereof. It shall be the duty of the assessors to include
12 said sum in their commitment and each town shall be liable
13 to pay said trustees its said proportion on or before August
14 first.

Sect. 10. The bridge shall be maintained in accordance

2 with the provisions of the General Bridge Act of the state.
3 The bridge district shall take the place of the towns.

Sect. 11. Chapter three hundred and nineteen of the pub-
2 lic laws of nineteen hundred fifteen known as the "Bridge
3 Law," and all amendments and additions thereto shall ap-
4 ply to the said bridge district in the same manner as it does
5 to towns. Said bridge district shall furnish twenty per
6 cent of the cost of construction, the county thirty per cent
7 and the state fifty per cent.

Sect. 12. The board provided by section two of said chap-
2 ter three hundred nineteen shall consist of said trustees to-
3 gether with the county commissioners for said county of
4 Hancock, and the state highway commission.

Sect. 13. The bridge district herein created is hereby au-
2 thorized to make such settlement as they deem wise with
3 the owners of the Waukeag Ferry, so-called, for any dam-
4 ages suffered by said ferry from building of this bridge.

Sect. 14. Private individuals and corporations may con-
2 tribute any sum towards the share of any town as deter-
3 mined under section nine and any funds so received shall be
4 credited to the town specified by the contributor when the
5 contribution is made. This act shall constitute an excep-
6 tion to any provision of the revised statutes limiting the
7 authority of county commissioners to issue bonds and notes
8 pledging the credit of the county.