

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT

EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 499

House of Representatives, March 30, 1923.

Reported by Mr. Drake from the Committee on Ways and
Bridges and ordered printed under the joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Knight of Turner.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Enable the Towns of Turner and Leeds in the
County of Androscoggin, or the County of Androscoggin,
to Make Free the North Turner Toll Bridge.

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

Section 1. The proprietors of the North Turner bridge,
2 commonly called the North Turner toll bridge, incorporated
3 by chapter three hundred seventy-one of the private and
4 special laws of eighteen hundred twenty-six, by its direc-
5 tors, officers or receivers, are hereby authorized and em-
6 powered to sell, transfer and convey to the inhabitants of
7 the towns of Turner and Leeds, in the county of Andro-

8 scoggin, or to the county of Androscoggin, the property and
9 franchises of said corporation, namely, the bridge extending
10 over and across the Androscoggin river between the towns
11 of Turner and Leeds, the approaches thereto, toll house
12 and all other property owned by said corporation and used
13 or useful in the maintenance of a way over said river at
14 said point, but excepting cash and receivables.

Sect. 2. Said towns are authorized to purchase the same
2 and raise moneys for payment therefor as the electors there-
3 of determine in town meetings lawfully assembled. The
4 county commissioners of Androscoggin county are author-
5 ized and empowered to purchase the same, and to use the
6 funds and credit of the county in payment therefor, but
7 not in excess of two thousand dollars.

Sect. 3. Whenever said property and franchises shall
2 have been acquired in either of the ways aforesaid, said
3 bridges, its location and the approaches thereto shall be and
4 become part of the public highway connecting with the
5 present highways on either side of said river, as though
6 laid out in manner now provided by law for the laying out
7 and construction of highways; and all persons, other than
8 said proprietors of North Turner Bridges, who are injured
9 thereby shall have their damages assessed and paid in the
10 same manner provided for the assessment of damages
11 caused by the laying out of highways under the general
12 law. Said bridges shall forever thereafter be a free
13 public bridge, and shall be maintained and kept in repair

14 as now provided by law for bridges built by municipalities
15 upon public highways or county ways.