

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 74

In Senate, Feb. 9, 1923.

Referred to Committee on Public Utilities and Ways and Bridges and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Wadsworth of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Incorporate the Kennebec River Bridge Company.

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

Section 1. H. E. Houdlette, Hugh J. McKinnon, Leslie
2 F. Roberts, N. R. Pierson, Hartley Ranger, H. L. Tarr,
3 W. W. Gardiner, N. W. Hanson, Perley F. Joy, H. L. Stil-
4 phen, S. S. Card, Herbert Mansir, J. M. Jordan, M. S.
5 Castner, E. P. Favor and C. B. Day, their associates, suc-
6 cessors and assigns, are hereby created a body corporate
7 under the name of the Kennebec River Bridge Company,
8 for the purpose of building, maintaining and operating a
9 good and sufficient iron, steel or concrete bridge across

10 the Kennebec river from a convenient point in Richmond
11 to some convenient point on the opposite shore in Dresden,
12 connecting on the two ends with the railroad of the Maine
13 Central Railroad Company, or any extensions thereof, and
14 with the state highway or such improved roads as may
15 connect with said state highway, with the right to erect
16 suitable piers and abutments and to provide all necessary
17 approaches and appurtenances to make said bridge reason-
18 ably safe, suitable and convenient for the travelling public
19 passing over same; also for trains, trucks, automobiles,
20 teams, horses and carriages, and all other traffic.

Said bridge shall be constructed of such width as shall
2 be reasonably convenient for the passage of steam or elec-
3 tric trains, carrying either passengers or freight, or both,
4 and in addition thereto, shall have separate and suitable
5 passageways for the travelling public, trucks, automobiles,
6 horses, teams, carriages and all other traffic.

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 for establishing and maintaining suit-
4 able approaches to said bridge, either in connection with
5 said railroad or any extensions thereof, or any roadways
6 that may be established for the convenience of the travel-
7 ling public, connecting with said state highway. It may
8 also buy, rent, lease or take by eminent domain any lands
9 necessary to its needs.

Said bridge shall be so constructed as to meet the require-

2 ments of the public utilities commission of the state of
3 Maine and the rules and regulations of the war department
4 of the United States concerning the erection of bridges
5 over tide waters. It shall contain a draw such as may be
6 prescribed and required by said war department.

In case of any dispute or disagreement as to the price
2 to be paid for any property taken for the aforesaid pur-
3 poses said corporation shall pay such damages as shall be
4 ascertained and determined by the joint board of the county
5 commissioners of Sagadahoc and Lincoln counties, in the
6 same manner and under the same conditions and limitations
7 as are by law provided in case of damages in the laying
8 out of highways.

Said corporation shall have all the rights and privileges
2 and be subject to all the duties and liabilities of corpora-
3 tions under the 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 Richmond and Dresden, connecting with the state
4 highway and the railroad terminals on each end, so that
5 there may be a continuous state highway and railway, with-
6 out any break, which may be used not only for the con-
7 venience of the travelling public, but also to serve as a
8 suitable military way in time of need, said corporation is
9 authorized to transfer, lease or sell all its rights, with the
10 approval of the public utilities commission of the state of
11 Maine, to the United States government, the Maine Central

12 Railroad Company, the state of Maine or to any other par-
13 ties that may be approved by said public utilities commis-
14 sion, to the end that said bridge may be built as herein
15 provided and for the purposes herein proposed. Any such
16 transfer shall confer all of the rights herein granted, and
17 in case a transfer is made by sale, it shall be for the actual
18 cost incurred by this corporation together with legal in-
19 terest thereon.

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

Sect. 4. Said corporation may sell, transfer, rent, or lease
2 said bridge on such terms as may be reasonably convenient
3 and necessary for the purposes of carrying out the pro-
4 visions of this act. It may also charge and collect such
5 tolls and reasonable rates as may be approved by said pub-
6 lic utilities commission for the use of said bridge by the
7 travelling public, teams, trucks, automobiles and all other
8 traffic; it shall also have the right to contract with the
9 Maine Central Railroad Company regarding its use of said
10 bridge for such yearly compensation as may be agreed upon
11 by the two companies.

Sect. 5. At the place of collecting tolls, said corporation
2 shall constantly expose to view a sign upon which shall be
3 plainly printed the rates of toll aforesaid; and whenever
4 the toll-gatherer shall be absent from the toll house the
5 gates shall be left open and the bridge toll free; and the
6 toll shall commence when the bridge is first opened for
7 passengers.

Sect. 6. Any three of the persons named in the first sec-
2 tion of this act may call the first meeting of the corpora-
3 tion intended to be formed under the provisions hereof,
4 by giving in hand or mailing to each of the corporators a
5 notice of the time and place and purpose of the meeting
6 at least seven days before the day of said meeting.