

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

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House Document

No. 78

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H. P. 362

House of Representatives, Feb. 9, 1927.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Stone of Bridgton.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to Authorize Towns of Bridgton and Harrison to  
Assist in the Preservation of Railroad Service to and from  
said Towns.

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EMERGENCY PREAMBLE. WHEREAS, the towns of  
Bridgton and Harrison, in the county of Cumberland, have no  
railroad communication between themselves or with other places  
except by the Bridgton and Saco River Railroad which runs  
from Bridgton Junction, in the town of Hiram, through Bridg-  
ton to Harrison, and no other dependable provision for the  
transportation of passengers or freight, into or out of, and

WHEREAS, there is imminent danger of the loss of the  
service of said Bridgton and Saco River Railroad unless assist-

ance is voted it at the next annual town meetings of said towns, and

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the legislature, these facts render the immediate passage of this act necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety and constitute an emergency within the meaning of the constitution, now therefore,

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

Section 1. The towns of Bridgton and Harrison, in the 2 county of Cumberland, are hereby expressly empowered and 3 authorized, by separate action by majority vote in town 4 meetings duly notified therefor, at one time, or from time 5 to time, each independently or conditionally upon similar 6 action by the other, to raise money by loan, taxation or 7 otherwise, to assist in the acquisition, improvement and 8 operation of the railroad extending from Bridgton Junction 9 in the town of Hiram, through Bridgton to Harrison, now 10 known as the Bridgton and Saco River Railroad, through 11 the purchase of capital stock or other securities or by direct 12 contribution toward the cost thereof, but not at any time to 13 involve the town in debt in violation of the constitution of 14 the state.

Sect. 2. For the purpose of accomplishing any of the 2 purposes of section one of this act, and subject to the limita- 3 tions therein expressed, said towns may acquire stock in the 4 present or any successor corporate owner of said railroad, 5 or join in the creation of a corporation to acquire, own

6 and/or operate the same, and exercise all the privileges and  
7 enjoy all of the immunities in respect of said stock which a  
8 natural individual may exercise or enjoy.

Sect. 3. In view of the emergency recited in the preamble  
2 hereof, this act shall take effect when approved.