

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

House Document

No. 90

H. P. 367

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 Mrs. Chaney of Lisbon.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to Enlarging a Public Cemetery or Burying-
Ground.

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

Section eight, of chapter twenty-one, of the revised statutes, is hereby amended by striking out in the eighth line thereof the word "twenty-five" and inserting in place thereof the word 'six,' and by striking out in the twelfth and thirteenth lines thereof the word "twenty-five" and inserting in place thereof the word 'six,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

The municipal officers of any town, may on petition of ten voters, enlarge any public cemetery or burying-ground or incorporated cemetery or burying-ground within their

4 town, by taking land of adjacent owners, to be paid for
5 by the town or otherwise as the municipal officers may
6 direct, when in their judgment public necessity requires it,
7 provided, that the limits thereof shall not be extended nearer
8 any dwelling-house, or well from which the water is used
9 for domestic purposes, than six rods, against the written
10 protest of the owner, made to said officers at the time of
11 the hearing on said petition. Nor shall any person, corpo-
12 ration or association establish, locate or enlarge any ceme-
13 tery or burying-ground by selling or otherwise disposing of
14 land so that the limits thereof shall be extended nearer any
15 dwelling-house or well, than six rods against the written
16 protest of the owner, provided, that nothing in this section
17 shall prohibit the sale or disposition of lots within the limits
18 of any existing cemetery or burying-ground, nor the exten-
19 sion thereof away from any dwelling-house or well.'