

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Senate Document

No: 259

S. P. 549

In Senate, February 28, 1929.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Minott of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Regulate the Plotting of Private Lands for Streets
or Ways and Imposing Conditions for Recording Maps or
Plans of Private Land with Streets or Ways Thereon.

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

Section 1. No map, plat, plan or chart of any private land
2 or lands situated in any town or city of the state, showing
3 thereon one or more streets, avenues, roads, lanes or alleys
4 as open or reserved for travel, shall hereafter be accepted
5 for filing or record by the register of deeds of any county
6 unless such map, plat, plan or chart showing such streets,
7 avenues, roads, lanes and alleys shall have been first ap-

8 proved by the municipal officers of the town or city where
9 such land is situated or has been approved on appeal there-
10 from, as hereinafter provided. Nothing herein shall apply to
11 any map, plat, plan or chart approved or adopted by any or-
12 der or decree of court in any judicial proceeding or made,
13 approved or adopted under public authority conveyed by
14 the statutes of Maine.

Sect. 2. With every application to said municipal officers
2 for such approval, such map, plat, plan or chart shall be
3 filed with the town or city clerk and shall be referred by
4 said clerk to the town or city engineer in such towns and
5 cities as have a town or city engineer, who shall within
6 thirty days after its receipt make a report thereon in writing
7 to said municipal officers. In towns and cities having no
8 town or city engineer, the town or city clerk shall forward
9 such application to the municipal officers. Within thirty
10 days from the receipt of said application by the municipal
11 officers they shall determine if all such streets and other
12 ways are reasonable in their location, extent, width, grade,
13 materials of construction, drainage and sewerage, with due
14 regard to both the public and private interest involved. If
15 the municipal officers shall approve the same, they shall en-
16 dorse and certify the fact of such approval upon the map,
17 plat, plan or chart filed with them for approval and shall
18 promptly deliver it to the register of deeds of the county
19 wherein such land is situated and in event of more than
20 one registry of deeds in any county, then the map, plat,

21 plan or chart shall be delivered to the register of deeds of
22 the district wherein the land is situated, and he shall record
23 the same. If the municipal officers find that any such streets
24 or ways are unreasonable, as aforesaid, they shall disap-
25 prove the same and make a written record of their reasons
26 for disapproval and file said record with the town or city
27 clerk.

Sect. 3. Any person or persons aggrieved by the action
2 of the municipal officers may appeal to the supreme judicial
3 court in the manner and subject to the same provisions as
4 set out in section twenty of chapter four of the revised stat-
5 utes providing for appeals for damages estimated in laying
6 out a **town way**.