

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# PUBLIC ACTS

OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED BY THE

## SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE,

JANUARY SESSION, 1836.

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1836.

## Chapter 238.

AN ADDITIONAL ACT concerning the limits of Highways.

SECT. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That where buildings or fences have been erected for more than twenty years, fronting upon, or against, any training field, burying-place, common landing place, highway, private way, street, lane or alley, and from length of time, or otherwise, the boundaries thereof are not known, or cannot be made certain by the records, or by any monuments, such fences or buildings shall be deemed and taken to be the true boundaries thereof; but when such boundaries can be made certain, no length of time, less than forty years, shall justify the continuance of a fence or building on any town or private way, or on any highway, training field, burying place, landing place, or other land appropriated for the general use, or convenience of the inhabitants of the State, or of any County, Town, or Parish; but the same may upon the presentment of a grand jury, be removed as a nuisance.

Fences or buildings may, when erected more than 20 years, be taken in certain cases to be the boundaries of training fields, burying places, landing places, highways, private ways, lanes or alleys.

But when boundaries can be ascertained 40 years necessary.

May be removed as nuisances in certain cases.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after the first day of January which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight—and all Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, shall from and after that time be repealed.

Act to take effect after the 1st day of January, 1838.

[Approved by the Governor, April 1, 1836.]