

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## Chapter 403.

AN ACT to incorporate the Somerset Bridge.

Approved February 10, 1839.

**SECTION 1.** *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, That* William Ames, Milton Philbrook, James P. Philbrook, Alphens Lyon, Wilson Colcord, Jotham P. Hobbs, Samuel Weymouth, and Franklin Low, their associates and successors, be, and are hereby created a body corporate and politic, by the name of the proprietors of the Somerset Bridge, with power by that name to sue and be sued; to have a common seal, to ordain and establish any by-laws, not repugnant to the laws of the State; and at any legal meeting of said proprietors, may choose all necessary officers, by a vote of a majority of the members present, allowing one vote to each share, *provided*, that no person shall be entitled to more than ten votes.

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**SECT. 2.** *Be it further enacted, That* said Bridge shall be erected across the Kennebec river, from shore to shore in the town of Fairfield, at or near the foot of Jackin's rips, (so called,) the consent of the owners of land thereunto adjoining, being first had and obtained, of good and suitable materials, and of sufficient height, twenty-one feet wide at least, well covered with plank or timber, and with sufficient rails on each side, for the safety of travelers; and said bridge shall be so constructed, as not to impede or hinder the passage of logs or other lumber, boats or other craft, up or down said river.

Location.

Width and construction of the Bridge.

Toll.

**SECT. 3.** *Be it further enacted, That* a toll, be, and is hereby granted for the sole benefit of said Corporation according to the rates following, to wit:—for each foot passenger two cents; for each horse and rider, six cents; for each sleigh, sled, cart or waggon, drawn by one horse, twelve cents; for each chaise, chair or sulkey, drawn by one horse, seventeen cents; for each team drawn by more than one beast, and not

exceeding two, with the cart, sled, or other vehicle, twenty cents; for each coach, chariot, phaeton or curricule, drawn by two horses, and not more than two, twenty-five cents; and for every additional beast, three cents; for neat cattle or horses, other than those in teams, three cents each; sheep and swine, half a cent each; and to each team, one person only as a driver shall pass free of toll.—*Provided*, that the above rates of toll shall at any time be subject to be altered by law; and the said proprietors shall keep exposed to view, at the place where the toll is collected, a sign, with the rates of toll legibly written or printed thereon. Proviso.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That if for the space of three years from the passing of this Act, said corporation shall neglect or refuse to build said Bridge, then this Act shall be void. To be built within three years.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That any two or more of the persons named in this Act, may call the first meeting of the proprietors, by posting up notices thereof in two public places in said town of Fairfield, ten days at least before the time of such meeting. First meeting.

SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That all soldiers, when going to or from any place, appointed for military duty, shall pass toll free, Soldiers to pass free of toll.

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### Chapter 404.

AN ACT to provide in part for the expenditures of Government.

Approved February 10, 1888.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled*, That in order to provide in part for the necessary expenditures of Government for the current year, the sum of Six Thousand Dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be paid to the Warden of the State Prison, out of any moneys in the Treasury. And the Governor, with advice of Council, is hereby authorized at any time, prior \$6,000 for State Prison.