

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

EXTRA SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 1853,

AND THE

# THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE,

1854.

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PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

EXTRA SESSION, 1853.

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**Chapter 53.**

An act in addition to an act entitled "An act regulating the management and sale of the public lands," approved March thirty-first, eighteen hundred and fifty-three.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

SECT. 1. The minimum price of the lands so offered for sale, shall be fixed and entered in said book in the month of February, and shall be published with said list; the sealed proposals shall be numbered and entered in a book with their date, and in the order in which they are received; the sum to be paid with the proposals shall be ten per centum of such minimum price. No proposal shall be entered till that sum is paid, nor after the hour of twelve, noon, of the day of sale, nor shall be received or considered unless so entered. The proposals so entered shall be publicly opened and declared at the time of sale in the order in which they are so entered and numbered; all the proposals shall remain on file in the land office and never be withdrawn. A list shall be made of the lands so offered and not taken by any bidder, in a book to be kept for that purpose, and the same may be sold by the land agent at private sale at a price not less than the minimum price, on the terms of payment and security for stumpage provided by said act.

Minimum price to be entered and published.

Sealed proposals.

Ten per cent. to be paid with proposals.

—when to be received, opened and declared.

List of land so offered and not taken.

—may be sold by agent at private sale.

SECT. 2. The fourth section of said act and all other acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Inconsistent acts repealed.

[Approved September 28, 1853.]

**Chapter 54.**

An act to amend an act granting appeals from the decisions of county commissioners.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

SECT. 1. The "act granting appeals from the decisions of county commissioners" passed the second day of August one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, shall be amended in the second section by inserting after the word "appeal" in the fifteenth line the words "except in cases of appeal from the decisions of any court of county commissioners to discontinue any highway, the order of said court revoking their order for the payment of damages, as provided by the twenty-second section of the twenty-fifth chapter of the revised statutes, shall

Appeals from the decisions of county commissioners.

CHAP. 54. remain valid and effectual until final decision thereon" so that the section amended shall be as follows:

Appeal, how  
taken and  
prosecuted.

SECT. 2. The parties, petitioners or respondents may enter their appearance before the county commissioners on any such application, either jointly or severally; and any party so entering an appearance may take an appeal from the decision of said county commissioners, after the same shall be entered on record, and before the term of said district court then next to be holden in said county and not afterwards. And such appeal shall be entered in the district court at the term next to be holden after said decision of the county commissioners shall be entered on record as aforesaid and not afterwards, which appeal may be prosecuted by any other person or corporation, being any such party of record, upon the neglect of the party so appealing to prosecute the same; and thereupon all proceedings shall be stayed in said court of county commissioners, until a decision shall be had in said district court, from which there shall be no appeal, except in cases of appeal from the decisions of any court of county commissioners to discontinue any highway, the order of said court revoking their order for the payment of damages, as provided for by the twenty-second section of the twenty-fifth chapter of the revised statutes shall remain valid and effectual until final decision thereon; and all persons and corporations claiming such appeal shall be held jointly and severally liable for all costs that may be adjudged against them.

When to take  
effect.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval by the governor.

[Approved September 28, 1853.]