

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

FIFTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1874.

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PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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Chapter 253.**CHAP. 253.**

An act to amend section fifty-one of chapter six of the revised statutes, relating to taxing certain lands in unincorporated places.

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

Section fifty-one, chapter six of the revised statutes is hereby amended in the third line, by adding after the word "thereon," 'and adjoining townships benefited thereby,' so that said section as amended shall read:

Sec. 51, ch. 6, R. S., amendment of.

'When a road is laid over lands under the provisions of section thirty-two, chapter eighteen, the county commissioners shall immediately thereafter assess thereon and adjoining townships such an amount as they judge necessary for making, opening and paying expenses attending it; and such assessment shall create a lien thereon for the payment thereof; and they may make as many divisions as are equitable, conforming as nearly as is convenient to known divisions and separate ownerships, and assess upon each a sum proportional to the value thereof and the benefits likely to result to the same by the establishment of the road; when such assessment will be unreasonably burdensome to such owners, they shall assess an equitable sum on the county and the balance only on such land. Any person aggrieved by any assessment may appeal to the supreme judicial court at the term thereof held first after such assessment; and the presiding judge at that term shall, on hearing the case, determine what part of said assessment shall be paid by the owners of the tract or township, and what part, if any, by the county, and there shall be no appeal from such decision. They shall, at the same time, fix the time for making and opening such road, not exceeding two years, and appoint an agent or agents, not members of their board, to superintend the same, who shall give bonds to the treasurer of the county, with sureties to be approved by them, to expend the money faithfully, and to render account thereof on demand; and they shall publish a list of the townships and tracts of land so assessed, with the sum assessed on each, and the time in which the road is to be made and opened, in the state paper, and in some paper, if any, printed in the county where the lands lie, three weeks successively, the last publication to be within three months from the date of the assessment.'

Assessment of lands for opening roads in unincorporated places.

Lien created.

Assessment, how proportioned.

Parties aggrieved may appeal to S. J. court.

County commissioners shall fix time for making and opening road. —may appoint agents, who shall give bonds.

—shall publish lists of townships assessed and amount assessed on each.

Approved March 4, 1874.