

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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## CHAP. 40.

## Chapter 40.

An act to amend section ten of chapter one hundred and twenty of the Public Laws of the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, entitled "an act to authorize the formation of Railroad Corporations."

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

Sec. 10, ch. 120,  
public laws 1876,  
amended.

Section ten of chapter one hundred and twenty of the public laws of the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, is hereby amended, so that said section shall read as follows :

Compensation of  
railroad commis-  
sioners.

'SECT. 10. The compensation to the railroad commissioners shall be ten hundred dollars each per annum, inclusive of all expenses, to be paid by the state, in quarterly payments.'

Approved February 19, 1878.

## Chapter 41.

An act for the better protection of the rights of Towns.

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

Towns may rein-  
state town ways  
discontinued by  
county commis-  
sioners.

SECT. 1. When a town has duly accepted a town way, and said town way is subsequently discontinued by the county commissioners on appeal, before such road shall have been opened for travel, such town may at its annual meeting, holden within three years thereafter, by a majority of the voters present and voting, reinstate and lay out such town way, under an article in the warrant for such meeting, for such purpose. And the damages shall be assessed, and the owners of the land over which said way passes notified thereof by the municipal officers, within thirty days after said meeting; and any person so damaged, dissatisfied with the amount of damages allowed, may petition the county commissioners within fifteen days after said notice, for an increase of damages, and such action shall be had thereon as is now provided in case of town ways laid out on petition, but nothing in this act shall affect any proceedings or rights now pending.

—damages.

Act not to affect  
pending proceed-  
ings or rights.

SECT. 2. A town way so re-established and laid out shall not be discontinued for five years thereafter.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 19, 1878.

CHAP. 42.

Re-established way not to be discontinued for five years.

### Chapter 42.

An act additional to chapter nineteen of the Public Laws of the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, relating to the taxation of Railroad Companies.

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

SECT. 1. Any railroad company which has heretofore omitted to apply to the governor and council, under chapter nineteen of the public acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, for an abatement of valuation claimed to be excessive, and whose claim for such abatement is barred by the limitation contained in said chapter, is hereby permitted to apply in writing to the governor and council, at any time within sixty days from the approval of this act by the governor, for an abatement of the excess of valuation of said company for any previous year.

Railroad companies given further time to petition for abatement of valuation.

SECT. 2. Any abatement made by the governor and council under this act shall be of no effect, unless the railroad company shall pay the arrearages of taxes due into the state treasury within four months after the adjudication of the governor and council.

Abatement to be of no effect unless arrearages of taxes shall be paid.

Approved February 19, 1878.

### Chapter 43.

An act to amend chapter two hundred and fourteen of the Public Laws of the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, entitled "an act relating to Ways across Railroads."

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

Chapter two hundred and fourteen of the public laws of the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

Ch. 214, public laws 1874, amended.