

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE
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An act to incorporate the Maine Shore Line Railroad Company.

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

SECT. 1. John C. Talbot, Joseph N. Greene, Samuel D. Leavitt, Ezra L. Pattangall, L. G. Downes, Ignatius Sargent, Samuel N. Campbell, Lucillius A. Emery, Cornelius Sullivan, Giles E. Taintor, James E. Lynott, Horace M. Ruggles, M. N. McKusick and their associates, are hereby created a body corporate under the name of the Maine Shore Line Railroad Company, with all the powers, rights and privileges, and subject to all the duties, restrictions and obligations conferred and imposed on railroad corporations by the laws of the state.

Corporators.

Corporate name.

SECT. 2. Said corporation shall have the right to locate, construct, equip, maintain and operate, or lease a railroad from some point on the St. Croix river, in the city of Calais, or vicinity, through the counties of Washington and Hancock, by such route as the directors of said corporation may select, to some point on the Union river in the city of Ellsworth, including a branch to Eastport, and to construct and maintain a bridge across Union river in such a manner as shall not unnecessarily obstruct navigation, and to consolidate with any railroad company in the state of Maine, or in the province of New Brunswick, with which it may connect.

Authorized to locate, construct and operate or lease a railroad.

—route and limits.

SECT. 3. If when said railroad is completed, with the standard gauge of four feet eight and one-half inches, from the St. Croix river to the Union river as aforesaid, no railroad shall have been constructed from Bangor to Ellsworth, by way of Bucksport or in some other direction; or the corporation owning or operating such railroad from Bucksport to Ellsworth, shall refuse or neglect to make its gauge conform to said standard gauge within four months after the completion of the railroad herein authorized, then, and in that event only, the corporation hereby created may extend its said railroad from Union river in Ellsworth, direct to Bangor, through the towns of Ellsworth, Dedham, Otis, Holden and Brewer, crossing the Penobscot river above the Penobscot toll bridge, and connecting with any railroad in said city.

May extend road to Bangor in a certain event.

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Capital stock.

SECT. 4. The capital stock of said corporation shall not exceed twenty thousand shares of one hundred dollars each.

Officers, their powers and duties.

SECT. 5. The officers of said corporation shall consist of a board of directors, president, clerk, treasurer and such others as may be provided in the by-laws. The powers and duties of the officers shall be such as are prescribed in the by-laws.

May erect and maintain bridges.

SECT. 6. Said corporation is empowered to erect and maintain bridges across tide waters, lakes, ponds, and navigable rivers and streams, which its railroad may cross; *provided*, that they shall be so constructed as not unnecessarily to obstruct the navigation of such waters.

May issue bonds.

SECT. 7. For the purpose of surveying, locating, constructing, equipping, maintaining or operating said railroad, and for all proper expenses in its business, said corporation may issue its bonds on such terms and conditions as it may see fit, and secure them by a mortgage of its entire franchise and property, or any part thereof.

Reason for granting charter.

SECT. 8. This charter is granted because the objects thereof can not be attained under the general laws of the state, in consequence of the crossing of tide-waters, navigable for vessels, by the railroad authorized hereby; and it shall become void unless the railroad between Calais and Ellsworth shall have been located and the construction thereof commenced by the first day of February, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and eighty-three, and the railroad completed for travel between said termini by the first day of February, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and eighty-six, except as to such part thereof as may then have been completed.

Bridge across Union river.

SECT. 9. The railroad bridge across Union river in Ellsworth, at the junction of the Maine Shore Line Railroad and the railroad from Bucksport to Ellsworth, shall be built and maintained by the corporations of both roads in the proportion of four-fifths by the Maine Shore Line Company and one-fifth by that of the road from Bucksport to Ellsworth. The plans and specifications for such bridge shall be mutually agreed upon by said corporations; in the case of disagreement, the same shall be settled by the railroad commissioners.