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Shall keep an
office in this state.

SECT. 5. The said company shall keep, at some place in this state, a clerk's office containing their records and books for the inspection of persons interested.

SECT. 6. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 26, 1893.

Chapter 264.

An Act to incorporate the Southport and Boothbay Bridge Company.

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

Corporators.

SECT. 1. Freeman Orne, Sumner Orne, Zina H. Orne, Marston Thompson, Cyrus A. Thompson, C. C. Thompson and Robert Westman, their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby made and created a body corporate, by the name

Corporate name.

of the Southport and Boothbay Bridge Company, with all the powers and privileges granted, and subject to all the liabilities and duties imposed by the laws of this state.

Powers.

SECT. 2. Said corporation may have a common seal, may make any by-laws for the management of its business, not repugnant to the laws of the state, and at any legal meeting, may choose, by ballot, a treasurer, secretary and not less than three directors, and all other necessary officers for the transaction of its business, by a majority of the votes of the proprietors present, allowing one vote for each share.

Authorized to
erect a toll-
bridge.

SECT. 3. Said corporation is hereby authorized to erect and maintain a toll-bridge across Townsend Gut, so called, to connect the town of Boothbay with the island town of Southport, both in the county of Lincoln. Said bridge is to be erected across said tide waters, from a point on the bank of said Gut, near the residence of Cyrus A. Thompson, in said Southport, and extending across said tide waters, to a point on the opposite bank, near the residence of Joseph McKown, in said Boothbay. Said bridge shall be built of suitable material, in a staunch and strong manner, shall not be less than twenty-three feet wide, with suitable rails on each side for the safety of passengers and travelers, and with a convenient draw, for the passage of vessels and boats, at least

Location.

forty feet wide, with suitable and proper piers on both sides the bridge, on the side of the passage upon which the draw swings. Said draw shall be properly constructed and secured so that vessels and boats may not be unnecessarily detained, and said draw shall be opened at all times, when requested, for said vessels and boats to pass and repass, without paying toll.

SECT. 4. A toll for the use and benefit of said corporation is hereby granted and established to be changed by the corporation at a legal meeting thereof, but shall in no case exceed the following rates, viz: for each foot passenger, five cents; one person and horse, fifteen cents; single horse team, twenty cents; each team including cart, wagon, sled or sleigh, drawn by two horses or oxen, twenty-five cents, and for every additional beast, ten cents; for four wheeled pleasure carriages with two horses, thirty-five cents, and for every additional horse, ten cents, when carriage contains more than two persons, all above that number pay five cents each; neat cattle and beasts of burden, exclusive of those rode upon or in carriages, five cents each; for sheep and swine, three cents each, and when more than twelve in drove together, one driver to go free. The rates of toll established and adopted shall be fairly and legibly printed in large or capital letters and kept constantly exposed to the view of passengers, and charges for tolls shall commence when the bridge is completed and above notice is posted. The corporation may commute the tolls by an agreement with any person or persons, taking therefor a special sum for a given time or number of passages.

Tolls established.

SECT. 5. Any two of the persons named in this act are authorized to call the first meeting of said corporation by giving to each of the corporators written notice, stating time and place of meeting, or by publishing such notice in the Boothbay Register, a newspaper printed in Boothbay, notice in each case to be at least seven days before the time set for said meeting.

First meeting,
how called.

SECT. 6. This corporation is not formed under the general law for the reason that its objects could not be thereby attained.

Reason for grant-
ing charter.

SECT. 7. This act shall take effect when approved.