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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS  
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**Chapter 502.**

An Act to enable the County of Sagadahoc to rebuild the Merrymeeting Bay Bridge, to issue bonds therefor and to make it and Arrowsic Bridge free.

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

Sect. 1. Section five of chapter forty-two of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, is hereby repealed.

Section 5, chapter 42, private laws, 1878, repealed.

Sect. 2. The county commissioners of Sagadahoc county are authorized and empowered to repair and rebuild the bridge over Merrymeeting bay, and to defray the cost and outlay therefor by the issue of bonds of said county not exceeding the cost of repairing and rebuilding said bridge, made payable in not more than forty years from date, with annual interest not to exceed four and one-half per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, signed by the county treasurer and countersigned by said county commissioners, said bonds to be of such denominations as the county commissioners may deem advisable.

County commissioners authorized to repair bridge over Merrymeeting bay.

—may issue bonds.

Sect. 3. The inhabitants of the town of Arrowsic may at any legal town meeting, called therefor, by a majority vote, transfer and convey by gift to the county of Sagadahoc all the stock, franchises and property of the Arrowsic Bridge Company which shall thereupon vest in the county, which is hereby authorized to accept and hold the same.

Town authorized to convey franchises of Arrowsic Bridge Company to the county.

Sect. 4. From and after the acceptance of this act in the manner provided by section five thereof, the county of Sagadahoc is hereby authorized and empowered to maintain both the bridges aforesaid, free of tolls, and the county commissioners of said county shall keep said bridges and approaches thereto in repair so that the same shall be safe and convenient for public travel, and shall include in their annual estimates of county taxes the sums necessary therefor, together with a sum equal to two per centum of the bonds issued in virtue of this act, which sum shall be set aside yearly until, with its past and prospective accretions, it shall be sufficient to provide for the payment of said bonds at maturity and said sum and accretions shall constitute a sinking fund for the payment of said bonds and shall be invested in such interest bearing securities as said commissioners shall approve or in such bonds, but shall not in any other manner be loaned to said county.

County empowered to maintain bridges.

—sinking fund, to provide for.

CHAP. 502

Act shall not take effect until accepted by voters of county.

-meetings, how called.

-how votes shall be received, etc.

-how declared.

-errors may be corrected.

Before meetings are called, estimates of cost shall be made for public inspection.

How meeting shall be held in Bath.

Sect. 5. No part of this act shall take effect unless and until it is accepted as a whole, including the freeing of both bridges and the issuing of county bonds, by the legal voters of Sagadahoc county by a majority vote at meetings of the several towns and municipalities in said county, duly notified and warned, to be held on the first Monday in June next, for the purpose of accepting or rejecting this act as a whole, at which meetings the vote shall be by ballot as follows: For rebuilding Merrymeeting bay bridge, issuing bonds therefor, accepting Arrowsic bridge and making the two bridges free; 'yes,' 'no.' The ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared as votes for town officers are, and shall be recorded by the town and city clerks, and true copies thereof sealed and attested, shall be transmitted to the county commissioners of the county of Sagadahoc within six days. The commissioners shall open and declare the votes so returned by publishing the same in the Bath Enterprise and Bath Independent, in two issues of those papers. If errors appear in the returns they shall be corrected by the commissioners by proper evidence, and if a majority of the ballots returned have 'yes' upon them, it shall be deemed to be an acceptance of this act, and the same shall then be in force; but if there should be a majority of ballots with 'no' thereon, it shall be deemed a rejection of the same.

Sect. 6. Before said meetings are called, the county commissioners shall procure careful estimates by a competent and disinterested civil engineer of the entire cost of rebuilding Merrymeeting bay bridge in a suitable manner, and of making the same and its approaches permanent and safe for public travel, and shall cause said estimates to be kept in their office at Bath open for public inspection for at least thirty days before the first Monday of June, next.

Sect. 7. At a meeting in the city of Bath to be held under the provisions hereof, the check lists used at the March, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven municipal election, or copies thereof attested by the city clerk shall be used. The board of registration shall be in session only on the day of said meeting, and any person legally qualified to vote at said meeting, whose name shall not be borne upon said lists, may receive a certificate of his qualification from said board, and shall thereupon be permitted by the proper ward officers to cast his ballot as if his name were on said list. The vote in said city shall be by open ballot.

Sect. 8. If this act shall be accepted by the voters of Sagadahoc county as provided in section five, all acts and parts of acts, inconsistent with this act, shall thereby be repealed.

CHAP. 503

If this act be accepted, inconsistent acts, repealed.

Approved March 23, 1897.

### Chapter 503.

An Act to extend the charter of the Bath, Small Point and Popham Beach Railroad Company.

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

The period within which the Bath, Small Point and Popham Beach Railroad Company must have organized and commenced actual business under its charter, is hereby extended until March eleven, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine.

Charter extended.

Approved March 23, 1897.

### Chapter 504.

An Act to amend Section one of Chapter two hundred and ninety-seven of the Private and Special laws of one thousand eight hundred and eighty three, relating to dyke in town of Milbridge.

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

Section one of chapter two hundred and ninety-seven of the private and special laws of one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three is hereby amended by striking out the name "Bartlett W. Brown" in the first and second lines of said section and inserting the name 'Jasper Wyman;' and after the word "others" in the ninth line adding the words 'and to repair and maintain said old dyke,' so that said section shall read, when amended, as follows:

Section 1, chapter 297, private laws, 1883, amended.

'Sect. 1. Joel G. Gay, Henry M. Leighton, Jasper Wyman, William W. Blood, their associates, successors, heirs and assigns, are hereby authorized to build and maintain a good and sufficient dyke, at Back bay, in the town of Milbridge, to commence at a point on the west side of Grain point, so called, and to extend over tide waters across the creek there situated, to land of Alonzo Fickett, in shore of the site of the old dyke formerly built across said creek by the grantees of said Gay and others, and to repair and maintain said old dyke.'

Corporators.

—authorized to build dyke in Milbridge.

Approved March 23, 1897.