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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

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**Chapter 494.**

An Act to empower the County Commissioners of Aroostook County to dispose of the holdings of said county in the preferred stock of the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad Company.

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

Section 1. Whenever a proposition for the purchase of the holdings of Aroostook county in the preferred stock of the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad Company shall be made in writing by any responsible party or parties to the county commissioners of said county, said proposition stating in substance that, upon the legal transfer of such preferred stock to them, the said party or parties, they will assume, with sufficient guaranty, the payment of interest and principal when due, of a like amount of the outstanding bonds of said county; or, when such party or parties shall make any other proposition equivalent to the above; said commissioners shall call together the Aroostook county delegation to the Maine legislature, and, if a majority of said commissioners and a majority of said delegation approve said proposition or any equivalent proposition for such transfer of stock, said commissioners shall submit such proposition to the determination of the legal voters of said county at such time as they may designate, subject to the provisions of this act; and thereupon there shall be submitted to the voters of the several towns and organized plantations in the county of Aroostook the following proposition:

"Shall the county commissioners be empowered to dispose of the holdings of the county in the preferred stock of the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad Company in accordance with a written proposition made therefor;" and all the warrants issued for calling such meetings shall contain a copy of such written proposition; and the county commissioners are hereby given authority to appoint a day for meetings to vote thereon, and to notify the selectmen of towns and assessors of plantations thereof. Said commissioners shall cause to be prepared printed forms for the warrants and returns of said meetings and transmit them with their notification to town and plantation officers as above described.

Section 2. The selectmen of towns and assessors of plantations in said county shall call meetings on the day appointed by issuing and posting warrants therefor as for town meetings, except that the warrants shall be posted at least thirty days before such meetings. No such meetings shall be opened before ten o'clock in the forenoon nor later than one o'clock in the afternoon, and the polls shall be kept open till five o'clock in the afternoon and then be closed.

How a proposition to purchase holdings of Aroostook county in the stock of the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad may be submitted to the voters of the county.

--form of proposition

--county commissioners shall appoint day for meetings and notify selectmen, etc.

How meetings shall be called and held.

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Vote shall be by written or printed ballot.

--return of votes.

How the returns shall be canvassed.

Commissioners may sell holdings if people so vote.

All transfers of stock shall be binding on county.

How proceeds shall be held.

--how invested.

--principal shall be applied to payment of bonds.

Section 3. At said meetings the vote shall be taken by printed or written ballots, and those in favor of said proposition shall vote "yes," and those opposed to it "no," and the ballots cast shall be sorted and counted and the vote declared in open meeting. The municipal officers shall preside as at state elections and make return thereof to the county commissioners by depositing in some post office in said county, within twenty-four hours after the close of said polls, their return of the vote cast, post paid, directed to the clerk of courts, at Houlton, in said county, to be transmitted by mail, or personally deliver same to said clerk within said time.

Section 4. The county commissioners shall meet at the court house in said Houlton, ten days after said meeting, canvass the returns and declare the result, and the result shall then be recorded by the clerk of courts and be certified on the record by said commissioners and said clerk, which record shall be the only record required of the vote cast under this act.

Section 5. If a majority of the ballots cast and returned at said meeting shall be in favor of said proposition then said commissioners are hereby authorized and empowered and directed, for and in behalf of said county to sell upon such terms as shall be contained in said offer the holdings of said county in the preferred stock of the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad Company, and to that end said commissioners are hereby authorized and empowered to execute for and in behalf of said county all transfers of said stock necessary to complete such sale, and all written agreements setting forth the terms of such contract for sale.

Section 6. Any and all transfers of stock made under the provisions of this act shall be sufficient to transfer the title to such stock to the purchaser and any written contract relating to the sale of such stock so executed shall be binding upon the county, and the county commissioners shall, for and in behalf of said county, do and perform all things to be done and performed by said county as in said contract provided.

Section 7. All the proceeds of such sale shall be held as a separate fund by the county treasurer of said county and shall not be expended or paid out except as herein provided.

Such proceeds shall be kept invested in such funds as are legal investments for savings banks under the laws of this state, and all such investments shall be made under the direction of the county treasurer, the county attorney and the county commissioners of said county.

The principal of said fund shall be applied towards paying bonds issued by said county in aid of the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad as they mature.

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The interest on said fund shall be applied toward paying the interest of said bonds each year, if needed for that purpose. When all of said bonds have been retired any of said fund which then remains shall be covered into the county treasury for the general purposes of the county.

—how the interest shall be applied.

Section 8. After the first vote, under the provisions of this act another vote shall not be taken by virtue hereof on any new proposition until the expiration of six months from the time of such first vote.

When subsequent vote may be taken.

Section 9. The words, 'county commissioners,' in this act shall be construed to mean the county commissioners of Aroostook county now in office and their successors from time to time, the intention being that at any time the county commissioners of said county then in office are in accordance with this act fully empowered hereby to represent, act for and bind the county in relation to said stock as herein provided; and nothing in this act shall be construed as taking away or in any manner impairing the option and rights as the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad Company now possess to purchase such stock.

The words 'county commissioners,' how construed.

—rights of the Bangor and Aroostook railroad company not to be impaired.

Section 10. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 22, 1901.

**Chapter 495.**

An Act to authorize Melvin E. Loud and Robert H. Oram to construct a weir between Muscongus Island and Indian Island.

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

Section 1. Melvin E. Loud and Robert H. Oram are hereby authorized to build and maintain a fish weir in the tide waters off the eastern shores of Muscongus island, and within the limits herein described, as follows:

M. E. Loud, et al., authorized to build fish weir on Muscongus island.

Commencing on the easterly shore of said Muscongus island, on the land of said Melvin E. Loud; thence running southeasterly to the center of the channel between said Muscongus island and Indian island; thence from the center of said channel northeasterly to the northerly end of said Indian island, with the right to construct the necessary trap and pond therewith for a period of ten years, provided said weir, trap and pond shall not obstruct navigation.

—boundaries.

Section 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 22, 1901.