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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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OF THE

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1903.

Chapter 395.

An Act to make the bridge of the Proprietors of the Wiscasset Bridge, a Public Bridge.

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

Section 1. The county commissioners of the county of Lincoln are hereby directed to lay out a county road across the bridge and approaches thereto of the proprietors of the Wiscasset bridge sometimes called the Wiscasset Bridge Company, upon petition therefor by responsible persons in said county, after notice and hearing, in the manner required by the general laws of the state regulating the laying out of highways. The damages therefor shall be ascertained and determined in the same manner as in taking lands for highways, and shall be paid by the said county.

Wiscasset bridge made part of county road.

—damages, how determined.

Section 2. Said bridge and its approaches shall thereafter be a public highway and shall be thereupon made safe and convenient for public travel by the said county commissioners and maintained by the county of Lincoln free of toll.

Bridge and approaches a public highway.

Section 3. For the foregoing purpose the sum of ten thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, and the governor and council are hereby authorized to draw their warrant therefor, and to pay the same to the treasurer of the county of Lincoln upon the certificate of the commissioners of the county of Lincoln that said highway across said bridge has been legally established and that the bridge and the approaches thereto have been made safe and convenient as required by law.

Appropriation for.

Section 4. The county commissioners of said county are hereby authorized and empowered for the purpose of defraying the cost of outlay for the purchase and repairs of said bridge so far as the same shall fall upon the county of Lincoln to issue the bonds of said county made payable in not more than forty years from date, with annual interest not to exceed five 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.

Lincoln county may issue bonds.

Section 5. From and after the acceptance of this act in the manner hereafter provided, the county commissioners of said county shall include in their annual estimates of county taxes the sums necessary therefor, together with a sum equal to one 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

Sinking fund provided.

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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.

This act void unless accepted by legal voters of county.

Section 6. No part of this act shall take effect unless and until it is accepted as a whole by the legal voters of Lincoln county by a majority vote of the voters voting at meetings in the several towns and municipalities of said county, duly notified and warned by the county commissioners, to be held on the first Monday of June next, for the purpose of accepting or rejecting this act, at which meeting the vote shall be by ballot as follows:

—form of ballot.

“Shall the act making the Wiscasset Bridge free be accepted?” and each voter shall express his opinion thereon by marking the same opposite the word “yes” or “no,” as the case may be. The ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared as votes for town officers are, and shall be recorded by the town clerk, and true copies thereof sealed and attested, shall be transmitted to the county commissioners of said county within six days. The commissioners shall open and declare the votes so returned. 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.

—If act is rejected another special election may be held.

If said act is so rejected at said election, it shall be the duty of the county commissioners upon the petition of twenty-five per cent of the voters of said county, to order another special election to be held in the manner aforesaid at any time within three months thereafter. The clerk of courts for the county of Lincoln shall make due returns to the secretary of state of the results of the election so to be held, and the certificate of said clerk shall be filed with the secretary of state with this act.

Section 7. This act shall take effect when approved by the governor, so far as is necessary to authorize the calling and holding of the election herein provided for.

Approved March 28, 1903.