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ACTS AND RESOLVES
OF THE
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OF THE
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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1907.

Chapter 422.

An Act confirming certain proceedings of the town of Eden authorizing an issue of High School Building Bonds.

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

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proceed-
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firmed.

Section 1. The vote of the town of Eden passed at the annual town meeting held fourth of March, nineteen hundred and seven, authorizing the selectmen and treasurer to issue bonds of the town to an amount not exceeding seventy-five thousand dollars for the purpose of paying for a lot and erection on said lot of a high school building is hereby confirmed and the said officers are hereby authorized to issue the said bonds.

Section 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 26, 1907.

Chapter 423.

An Act to incorporate the Hancock and Sullivan Bridge Company.

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

Corpo-
rators.

Section 1. Orlando W. Foss and Charles H. Wooster of Hancock, Bradbury Smith, Stewart E. Phelps and Will R. Havey of Sullivan, Bedford E. Tracy of Winter Harbor and George H. Grant of Ellsworth, all in the county of Hancock, their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Hancock and Sullivan Bridge Company, with power to build and maintain a toll bridge across Taunton bay or Sullivan river, so called, between the towns of Hancock and Sullivan, in said county; and said corporation shall have power to purchase and hold such personal and real estate as may be necessary for the use and purposes of said corporation, and the more advantageous carrying on of its business and accomplishment of its objects; may prosecute and defend suits at law, may have and use a common seal, may make by-laws for the management of its concerns, not repugnant to the laws of the state, and shall enjoy all the other powers and privileges incident to or usually granted to similar corporations.

—corporate
name.

—powers.

Section 2. Subject to the provisions of the federal statutes on the subject, said bridge shall be erected across said bay or river from near the point just above the terminus of the road now existing on the Sullivan shore leading to Sullivan ferry, so called, to near the terminus of the ferry road on the Hancock shore, being the same location and over the stone foundations

of the piers of the last bridge erected across said river, shall be constructed of good and proper materials, of a suitable height from the water and of suitable width for the accommodation of public travel, and also, if required, of sufficient width for an electric railroad, with suitable and sufficient railings for the surety of passengers and such draw as may be reasonably necessary to permit navigation on said bay or river, and with such approaches as may be required, including a proper way for Waukeag station of the Maine Central Railroad Company to the terminus of said bridge on the Hancock shore, and such terminals as will permit the use of said bridge by an electric railroad; and for these purposes to take and hold or purchase and lease lands. If the parties cannot agree as to the value of any land taken under this act, the value shall be fixed and the damages assessed in the manner provided by law in cases where real estate is taken by railroads, also if the parties cannot agree as to the actual damage sustained by the owner or owners of the ferry at this place caused by the building of this bridge, said damage shall be appraised by the county commissioners of Hancock county and the same paid by this corporation.

Section 3. A toll is hereby granted and established for the benefit of this corporation according to the rates following, namely: for every foot passenger, ten cents, for each horse and rider, fifteen cents, for each sleigh, sled, cart, wagon, chaise, chair or sulky drawn by one beast, thirty-five cents, for each sleigh, sled, cart or wagon drawn by two horses, fifty cents, for each additional horse or beast, beyond two in sleighs, sleds, carts or wagons, ten cents, for droves of neat cattle, horses and mules, ten cents each, for sheep and swine, five cents each, for a bicycle and rider, fifteen cents, for an automobile, thirty-five cents, and no additional toll shall be charged for persons actually traveling in any of the vehicles above named, but this exception shall not extend to persons taken in for the purpose of avoiding toll, and only one person as a driver to each team shall be allowed to pass free of toll, and said tolls may be commuted by this corporation by taking of him or them a smaller sum for the season or for tickets sold in quantities. Said corporation may transport freight and baggage to and from said Waukeag station to the Sullivan terminus of said bridge for a proper and reasonable compensation, and no bridge, ferry or other means of transportation of property or persons across said river for toll shall be established within one statute mile above or below said bridge.

Section 4. Said corporation is hereby authorized to contract with any street railroad company for the use of that part of

Tolls established.

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railroad
company for
use of part
of bridge.

—proviso.

Rates of toll
shall be
exposed to
public view.

Capital
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Shall begin
erection of
bridge
within five
years.

First
meeting,
how called.

Certain
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authorized
to take
stock in
Sullivan
Bridge Co.

said bridge laid out or built for the running of an electric railroad over it, by lease or otherwise, upon such terms as may be mutually agreed, and to execute all necessary instruments therefor, provided, however, that that part of said bridge shall not be used for an electric railroad until approved as to safety by the railroad commissioners, and that said part of it shall at all times be subject to the orders of said commissioners in all matters affecting the public safety in such use thereof in the same manner as bridges owned by railroad corporations.

Section 5. At the place of collecting tolls, this corporation shall keep constantly exposed to the public view a board or sign upon which shall be plainly printed the rates of toll aforesaid; and whenever the toll gatherer shall be absent from the toll house, the gates shall be left open and the bridge toll free, and said toll shall commence on the day when the bridge is first open for passengers.

Section 6. The capital stock of said corporation shall be one hundred thousand dollars, which may be increased to any sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty thousand dollars by a vote of said corporation, and be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each, and said company may issue bonds to an amount not exceeding the amount of its capital stock, for the construction of its bridge, to be secured by mortgage on its real and personal estate and franchise.

Section 7. If this corporation shall fail to begin the erection of such bridge within five years from the approval of this act, and to have the same ready for use by the thirty-first day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twelve, then this act shall be void and of no effect.

Section 8. Any three of the persons named in the first section of this act may call the first meeting of the corporation intended to be formed under the provisions of this act, by giving in hand to each of the corporators, or by mailing to him a notice of the time and place of meeting for the purpose of organizing, seven days before the day of meeting.

Section 9. The towns of Hancock, Sullivan, Gouldsboro, Sorrento, and Winter Harbor in the county of Hancock, or any of them, are hereby empowered to take stock in the Hancock and Sullivan Bridge Company to any amount not exceeding five thousand dollars to a town; providing the inhabitants of said town or towns, shall, by a majority vote of those present at a legal meeting, called for the purpose, authorize the same.

Section 10. This act shall take effect when approved.