

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES  
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STATE OF MAINE.

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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## CHAP. 170

**Chapter 170.**

An Act to regulate the taking of muskrats in Lake Sebasticook, in the County of Penobscot, and in the tributaries to said Lake in the Town of Newport, also in the outlet stream of said Lake Sebasticook known as the East Branch of the Sebasticook River.

*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

Close time on muskrats.

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch or kill any muskrat or muskrats in Lake Sebasticook, in the county of Penobscot, or in any of the tributaries to said lake in the town of Newport, or in the outlet stream of said lake known as the East Branch of the Sebasticook river, for a period of five years from July fifteen, nineteen hundred and eleven. It shall also be unlawful for any person to have in possession any muskrat or muskrats, or part thereof, at any time taken in violation of this section.

—unlawful to have in possession.

Penalty.

Section 2. Whoever violates any provision of this act shall be subject to a penalty of ten dollars for each muskrat killed in violation of this act; whoever has in possession any muskrat or muskrats, or part thereof, taken in violation of this act shall be subject to the same penalty.

Court jurisdiction.

Section 3. In all prosecutions under this act, municipal and police courts and trial justices within their respective counties shall have, upon complaint, original and concurrent jurisdiction with the supreme judicial and superior courts, and all fines, forfeitures and penalties received for any violation of this act shall be paid forthwith by the person receiving the same to the state treasurer.

Inconsistent acts repealed.

Section 4. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Approved March 22, 1911.

**Chapter 171.**

An Act to authorize the Aroostook Valley Railroad Company to acquire the Properties of the Canadian Pacific Railway between Presque Isle and Aroostook Junction.

*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

Transfer of properties authorized.

Section 1. The Aroostook Valley Railroad Company is hereby authorized to acquire by appropriate transfer the interest of the Canadian Pacific Railway in the railroad now operated by said last named company between Aroostook Junction and Presque Isle, together with the franchises thereof.

Railway Co. may transfer its interest.

Section 2. Consent is hereby given that said Canadian Pacific Railway may so transfer said interest, as aforesaid.

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Section 3. In the event of said transfer, the said Aroostook Valley Railroad Company may exercise such powers and privileges in the Dominion of Canada as may be permitted by the Province of New Brunswick or the Dominion of Canada.

Company may exercise powers in Canada.

Section 4. In the event of said transfer, the said Aroostook Valley Railroad Company is authorized to operate the same by electricity and to use the same for the conveyance of persons and property.

May use electricity for power.

Approved March 22, 1911.

**Chapter 172.**

An Act to establish a Board of Education in the City of Biddeford.

*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows :*

Section 1. A board of education is hereby established in the city of Biddeford consisting of the mayor of the city, who shall be ex-officio chairman of the board, and four other persons, one of whom, after the first election herein provided for, shall be elected annually at the municipal election. They shall be nominated and elected in the manner provided by law for the nomination and election of mayor of the city. Not more than one resident in any ward, exclusive of mayor, shall be elected a member of the board by the same political party.

Board of education established in Biddeford. —how constituted.

—how nominated and elected.

Section 2. In the event of a vacancy in said board, other than in the position of mayor, from any cause, such vacancy shall be filled by the city council till the next annual municipal election.

Vacancy, how filled.

Section 3. As soon as may be after this bill becomes operative and in effect, under the provisions of law, said four members shall be nominated and elected in the manner provided by law for the nomination and election of mayor, for the several terms; namely, one to serve till the next annual municipal election, one to serve till the second succeeding annual municipal election, one to serve till the third succeeding annual municipal election and one to serve till the fourth succeeding annual municipal election, and thereafter one member shall be elected annually, as is provided in section one, hereof, and hold office for the term of four years, but in the event of a vacancy to be filled the nomination and election shall be for the unexpired term.

When nomination and election of members of board shall take place.

—tenure.

Section 4. Immediately upon the election and qualification of the members of said board, or the majority thereof, the terms of office of the existing superintending school committee shall cease and determine and the authority of said superintending school committee terminate.

Superintending school committee.