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Chapter 35.

An Act to Amend Section Eight of Chapter Fifty-eight, of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Approval of Location of Street Railroads.

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

R. S., c. 58, § 8, relating to approval by municipal officers, of location of street railroads, amended. Section eight of chapter fifty-eight, of the revised statutes, is hereby amended by inserting in the third line thereof, between the words "same" and "as," the words, 'or of any additional locations for turnouts or spurs mentioned in section twelve' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 8. Public hearing necessary on application for additional location for turnouts or spurs. Whenever any street railroad corporation is required to obtain the written approval of its proposed route and location, or of any extension of the same, or of any additional locations for turnouts or spurs mentioned in section twelve, as to streets, roads or ways, of the municipal officers of the cities and towns in which said railroad is to be constructed in whole or in part, it shall make an application in writing and such municipal officers shall order public hearing thereon, giving such notice thereof as they deem proper but in no case less than seven days. Such notice shall contain a copy of such written application and warn the legal voters of such city or town to be present and be heard thereon. After hearing and within fourteen days after the filing of such application, such municipal officers shall file their decision thereon with the clerk of the city or town who shall make due record thereof. Any contract entered into between any such street railroad corporation and such municipal officers as to the terms, conditions and obligations under which such location is approved, so far as consistent with the powers and duties of the public utilities commission under the general laws of the state, shall be valid and binding. If the municipal officers upon such written application therefor neglect to approve a route and location as to streets, roads or ways, or if they refuse to approve such a route and location, or if such route and location is not accepted by the corporation, in either case said corporation may within fourteen days after the expiration of the time for filing such decision, or within fourteen days after the filing thereof, appeal to the public utilities commission. A failure to appeal shall not bar the corporation from making a new application to municipal officers. Any person or corporation claiming to be interested may appeal to the public utilities commission within said fourteen days from any decision made by the municipal officers. In all such appeals the appellant shall file his appeal in writing in the office of the public utilities commission who shall appoint a day for a hearing thereon, and the appellant shall give such notice thereof as said commission deems reasonable and proper in order that all persons interested may have an opportunity to appear and object thereto. After hearing, the said commission shall make decision thereon and cause record thereof to be made in their office in lieu of the approval of the municipal officers. This section shall not apply to any location which has been approved by the proper municipal officers, before the twenty-sixth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and seven.'

Approved March 15, 1917.