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Chapter 76.

An Act to Amend Section Thirty of Chapter Fifty-six of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Construction and Use of Branch Railroad Tracks.

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

R. S., c. 56, § 30, relating to authority to build branch railroad tracks, amended. Section thirty of chapter fifty-six of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto the following:

‘The public utilities commission, upon petition of any party interested, after notice and hearing, may order any railroad company to construct, maintain and operate such a branch railroad track to any such mill, mine, quarry, log landing or yard, warehouse, storehouse or manufacturing establishment owned or operated by the petitioner, whenever said commission shall find that such track is necessary for the reasonably convenient conduct of the business of the petitioner and is warranted by the volume of business to be handled thereon and can be so constructed, maintained and operated with due regard to safety and the reasonable operation of the railroad; provided, however, that no such order shall be made by said commission unless the petitioner shall provide, at his own expense, the right of way for such portion of said track as is not located upon the land of the railroad company; shall pay all the expense of the construction and maintenance of said track; shall furnish such security for said payment and shall comply with such conditions as to fire release and the operation of such track as the commission may prescribe. The commission, upon petition of any party interested, after notice and hearing, may permit any party owning or occupying premises adjacent to any track constructed under this section to use such track for receiving or holding freight in carload lots upon such terms and conditions as it may prescribe, including the payment of a part of the original cost of such track and of its future maintenance and suitable fire releases, so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

‘Sec. 30. Public utilities commission may order such tracks to be built. Expense to be borne by petitioner. Any railroad corporation, under the direction of the public utilities commission, may locate, construct and maintain branch railroad tracks to any railroad station of another corporation or to connect with another railroad or to any mills, mines, quarries, gravel pits, log landing or yard, warehouses and storehouses, educational institution, or manufacturing establishments erected in any town or township through which the main line of said railroad is constructed, but not within any city without the consent of the city council and for that purpose said corporation shall have all the powers and rights granted and be subject to all the duties imposed upon it by its charter. The public utilities commission upon petition of any party interested, after notice and hearing, may order any railroad company to construct, maintain and operate such a branch railroad track to any such mill, mine, quarry, log landing or yard, warehouse, storehouse or manufacturing establishment owned or operated by the petitioner, whenever said commission shall find that such track is necessary for the reasonably con-

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venient conduct of the business of the petitioner and is warranted by the volume of business to be handled thereon and can be so constructed, maintained and operated with due regard to safety and the reasonable operation of the railroad; provided, however, that no such order shall be made by said commission unless the petitioner shall provide, at his own expense, the right of way for such portion of said track as is not located upon the land of the railroad company; shall pay all the expense of the construction and maintenance of said track; shall furnish such security for said payment and shall comply with such conditions as to fire release and the operation of such track as the commission may prescribe. The commission, upon petition of any party interested, after notice and hearing, may permit any party owning or occupying premises adjacent to any track constructed under this section to use such track for receiving or holding freight in carload lots upon such terms and conditions as it may prescribe, including the payment of a part of the original cost of such track and of its future maintenance and suitable fire releases.'

Approved March 26, 1917.

Chapter 77.

An Act to Amend Section One Hundred Thirty-nine of Chapter Sixteen of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Annual Appropriation for the Encouragement of Industrial Education.

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

R. S., c. 16, § 139, relating to expenditure for industrial education, amended. Section one hundred thirty-nine of chapter sixteen of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the word "fifty" in the third line thereof and substituting therefor the word 'sixty-four,' so that said section when amended shall read as follow:

'Sec. 139. Amount increased to \$64,000. For the purposes of the seven preceding sections there shall be deducted annually by the treasurer of state from the school and mill fund the sum of sixty-four thousand dollars and any unexpended balance of this amount shall be added to the permanent school fund. All reports required under said section shall be filed annually with the state superintendent of public schools on or before the first day of July and state aid shall be payable during the month of December next succeeding.'

Approved March 26, 1917.

Chapter 78.

An Act to Amend Section Twenty-five of Chapter Thirty of the Revised Statutes, Providing for the Election of Inspectors of Buildings.

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

R. S., c. 30, § 25, relating to inspectors of buildings, amended. Section twenty-five of chapter thirty of the revised statutes is hereby amended