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Chapter 64.

An Act to Amend Section Thirty of Chapter Fifty-six of the Revised Statutes, as Amended by Chapter Seventy-six of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen and by Chapter Fifty-three of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Nineteen, Relating to Branch Railroad Tracks.

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

R. S., c. 56, sec. 30; 1917, c. 76; 1919, c. 53; relating to building of branch railroad tracks, amended. Section thirty of chapter fifty-six of the revised statutes, as amended by Chapter seventy-six of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen and by chapter fifty-three of the public laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen, is hereby further amended by striking out all of said section as amended and substituting therefor the following:

'Sec. 30. Authority to build branch tracks; public utilities commission may order branch tracks built, and may order alteration of existing ones; expenses of building and alteration to be paid 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, or in process of erection, 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 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. Said commission shall also have authority upon petition of any party interested after notice and hearing to order any railroad company to alter any exist-

ing branch railroad track, whenever in its judgment such alteration is necessary for the reasonably convenient conduct of the business of the petitioner. All expenses of such alteration shall be paid by the petitioner. 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 car-load 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 21, 1923.

Chapter 65.

An Act to Amend Sections Sixty-three and Sixty-four of Chapter Eight of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Maine Forestry District Taxes.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 8, sec. 63; relating to advertising lists of assessments of lands in Maine forestry district, amended. Section sixty-three of chapter eight of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the whole of said section and inserting in place thereof the following, so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 63. Tax notices may be sent by mail to known owners; lists of assessments of unknown owners to be advertised. The treasurer of state shall within three months thereafter, notify in writing the owners of such lands so assessed by sending to each by mail at his last known address, a statement of such tax containing a brief description of the land assessed and the amount of such tax, and the date when payment is required, and shall send like notices of such tax for the following year within three months after one year from such assessment. In case the owners of any such lands are unknown instead of sending notices by mail he shall cause the lists of such assessments to be advertised for three weeks successively in the state paper, and in some newspaper, if any, printed in the county in which the land lies, and shall cause like advertisement of the lists of such tax for the following year to be made within three months after one year from such assessment. The land shall be held to the state for the payment of the tax so assessed, with interest at six per cent per annum, to commence six months after such tax is due as herein provided.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 8, sec. 64; relating to redemption of lands assessed and advertised, amended. Section sixty-four of chapter eight of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words "and advertised" in the first and second lines, so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows: