

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

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# Sixty-Seventh Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 253.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED  
AND NINETY-FIVE.

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AN ACT relating to the repairs of Highways and  
Bridges in Towns.

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

SECTION 1. Each town shall constitute one highway  
2 district for the construction and repair of highways within  
3 such town, and all the existing subdivisions of any town  
4 into highway districts in excess of one are hereby abolished,  
5 except cities.

SECT. 2. Each town shall annually, at its annual meet-  
2 ing, raise and appropriate for the repair of highways and  
3 bridges within such town a sum not less than one-fourth  
4 of one per cent of the valuation of the polls and ratable

5 estates on which other taxes are assessed by the town, and  
6 in addition to said sum of one-fourth of one per cent of  
7 the valuation of the polls and estates of such town for tax-  
8 ation each town may raise as much more as they may  
9 deem necessary. Said taxes shall be assessed, collected  
10 and paid into the town treasury as other town taxes are.

SECT. 3. At the annual election each town shall elect  
2 by ballot a road commissioner who shall have charge of  
3 the repairs of all highways and bridges within the town,  
4 and shall have authority to employ the necessary men and  
5 teams, and purchase timber, plank and other material for  
6 the repair of highways and bridges. Said commissioner  
7 shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of his duty, give  
8 bonds to the satisfaction of the selectmen, and be respon-  
9 sible to them for the expenditure of money, and discharge  
10 of his duties generally. The compensation of said com-  
11 missioner shall be such sum as the town shall annually  
12 vote therefor, which sum shall in no case be less than two  
13 dollars per day for every day of actual service, and he  
14 shall render to the selectmen monthly statements of his  
15 expenditures and receive no money from the treasurer  
16 only on the order of the selectmen.

SECT. 4. No person can, at the same time, hold the  
2 office of highway commissioner and selectman.

SECT. 5. Seventy-five per cent of the highway taxes  
2 raised and provided in this act shall be expended upon the  
3 highways prior to the fifteenth day of July, and the balance  
4 at such time as the commissioner deems for the best good  
5 of the public.

SECT. 6. If a town fails to elect at its annual election,  
2 or a person chosen as road commissioner fails to so qualify

3 before the first day of April, the office shall be deemed  
4 vacant, and shall be filled by the selectmen by appoint-  
5 ment, and in the event of a vacancy caused by death or  
6 otherwise, the selectmen shall appoint some competent  
7 person to fill out the unexpired term, who shall qualify and  
8 perform his duties as prescribed by section three of this act.

SECT. 7. Said commissioner shall keep accurate ac-  
2 counts showing in detail all moneys received by him, from  
3 whom and when received, and all moneys paid out by him,  
4 to whom and for what purpose. He shall settle his  
5 accounts on or before the twentieth day of February  
6 annually, and the same shall be reported in the annual town  
7 report in detail.

SECT. 8. Said commissioner shall hold his respective  
2 office for the term of one year from the date of his election,  
3 or until the election or appointment and qualification of his  
4 successor.

SECT. 9. So much of chapter eighteen of the Revised  
2 Statutes, and all other acts and parts of acts incon-  
3 sistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECT. 10. This act shall take effect March first,  
2 eighteen hundred and ninety-six.

STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
February 28, 1895.

Reported by Mr. JONES of Howland, from Committee on Ways and  
Bridges, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*