

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 330

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House of Representatives, March 5, 1919.

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CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND  
NINE HUNDRED AND NINETEEN

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RESOLVE, Relating to the Erection of a Free Highway  
Bridge Across and Over the Piscataqua River from Some  
Point in Kittery, York County in the State of Maine, to  
Some Point in Portsmouth, Rockingham County in the State  
of New Hampshire.

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Resolved:

Section 1. That in case of the adoption of the proposed  
2 amendment to article nine of the constitution of this state  
3 as amended, authorizing an increase in the amount of  
4 bonds to be issued for the purpose of building and main-  
5 taining of state highways and including in the purposes  
6 for which said bonds so issued or their proceeds may be

7 devoted, the purpose of building and maintaining intra-  
8 state, inter-state and international bridges and excepting  
9 from the constitutional limitation upon the amount of state  
10 debt or debts, liability or liabilities, any debt or debts,  
11 liability or liabilities incurred for the purpose of building  
12 and maintaining intra-state, inter-state or international  
13 bridges, the sum of five hundred thousand dollars is here-  
14 by appropriated for the purpose of paying for a portion  
15 of the expense and cost of an interstate free highway  
16 bridge across and over the Piscataqua river from some  
17 point in Kittery in the county of York and state of Maine  
18 to some point in Portsmouth in the county of Rockingham  
19 and state of New Hampshire.

Sect. 2. The appropriation specified in section one of  
2 this act is made on the express understanding and con-  
3 dition that the state of New Hampshire will make an ap-  
4 propriation of an equal amount, for the same purpose, and  
5 that it will act in conjunction with this state on equal terms  
6 and conditions for the accomplishment of said purpose.

Sect. 3. The governor and council shall have the power  
2 to agree on behalf of this state as to where the proposed  
3 bridge shall be located. As the location of said proposed  
4 bridge determines its length, cost and also its relative use-  
5 fulness, this state and the state of New Hampshire shall  
6 not agree upon a location for said proposed bridge until  
7 the federal government has been asked to make an appro-  
8 priation for the same purpose, for the reason that the most

9 expensive location for said bridge is the one which will  
10 best serve the navy yard of the federal government located  
11 on an island or islands in said river, and it is equitable that  
12 the federal government should share in the expense and  
13 cost of said bridge, particularly if constructed on said loca-  
14 tion most favorable to it.

Sect. 4. The governor and council, on behalf of this  
2 state, shall have the power to enter into such contractual  
3 relations, and do and perform such acts as they shall deem  
4 expedient and necessary and for the public good, in all  
5 matters pertaining to the location and construction of said  
6 bridge.

Sect. 5. Said free highway bridge, when constructed,  
2 shall be and shall be known as a memorial bridge to the  
3 sailors and soldiers of the states of Maine and New Hamp-  
4 shire who gave their lives in the world war now victori-  
5 ously ended. On the Maine side or section of said bridge  
6 shall be constructed and designed something which shall  
7 be a special memorial to the sailors and soldiers of our  
8 entire state. Such Maine memorial shall meet the approval,  
9 in design and construction, of a special committee of five  
10 who shall be appointed for that purpose by the governor  
11 and council.

Sect. 6. To provide the funds appropriated in this act  
2 for the purposes herein specified, the treasurer of state is  
3 hereby authorized under the direction of the governor and  
4 council to issue bonds in the name and behalf of the state

5 to the amount of five hundred thousand dollars.

Such bonds shall be issued in series maturing in amount  
2 of fifty thousand dollars at the end of each year from the  
3 date of issue, shall be in such form and denomination and  
4 shall bear such rate of interest payable semi-annually as  
5 shall be determined by the treasurer of state with the ap-  
6 proval of the governor and council. Such bonds shall be  
7 signed by the treasurer of state, countersigned by the gov-  
8 ernor and attested by the state auditor with the seal of the  
9 state affixed. The coupons attached to such bonds shall  
10 bear the facsimile of his signature instead of his original  
11 signature.

Such bonds and the proceeds thereof shall be designated  
2 as the Memorial Bridge Loan and shall be deemed a pledge  
3 of the faith and credit of the state. The state auditor shall  
4 keep an account of such bonds showing the number and  
5 amount of each, the date of countersigning, the date when  
6 payable and the date of delivery thereof to the treasurer  
7 of state, who shall keep an account of each bond showing  
8 the number thereof, the name of the person to whom sold,  
9 the amount received for the same, the date of sale and the  
10 date when payable.

The treasurer of state may negotiate the sale of such  
2 bonds under the direction of the governor and council and  
3 the proceeds of such sale shall be held by the treasurer of  
4 state and paid by him upon warrants drawn by the gov-  
5 ernor and council for the purposes of this act alone.