

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 49

In Senate, Feb. 4, 1919.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Bridges and 1000 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

P. F. CRANE, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Lewis of Lincoln.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend chapter 319, Public Laws of 1915, providing for State and County Aid in the Construction of Highway Bridges.

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

Chapter 319, section 3 of the public laws of 1915 is hereby
2 amended by striking out all after the word "construction"
3 in the first sentence. It is further amended by striking out
4 the word "may" in the thirteenth line and inserting therefor
5 the word 'shall.' It is also amended by striking out the
6 last paragraph of said section and inserting in place thereof
7 the following:

"The county commissioners and municipal officers here-

2 tofore referred to are hereby authorized and required to
3 raise by taxation or by borrowing or otherwise such reason-
4 able sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of
5 this act. Any loan so made by the municipal officers and
6 county commissioners shall be a legal debt of the county,
7 town, city or plantation whose credit is pledged under this
8 law. All loans made by county commissioners and muni-
9 cipal officers under this law are excepted from the provisions
10 of the laws of the state limiting the borrowing capacity of
11 towns, cities, plantations and counties. Provided, however,
12 that all loans made by the county commissioners and munici-
13 pal officers under this law shall mature in not more than
14 twenty years, and not less than one twentieth of any loan
15 so made shall be raised by taxation and applied in payment
16 of the loan each year after the loan is made.' So that said
17 section as amended shall read as follows :

'Sect. 3. If the board shall decide that public convenience
2 and necessity require the building or rebuilding of the
3 bridge, it shall be the duty of the state highway commission
4 to prepare plans, specifications and estimates of the cost of
5 said construction. Upon approval of said plans and speci-
6 fications by a majority of the board, the state highway com-
7 mission shall proceed to let contracts for all work called
8 for by said plans and specifications as soon as the town
9 or towns and the county or counties interested shall have
10 paid into the state treasury their proportional shares of the
11 estimated cost of the construction. In case any county or

12 town unreasonably neglects or refuses to pay into the state
13 treasury its proportional part of the estimated cost of con-
14 struction which may be due and payable under the provis-
15 ions of this act, then the state treasurer shall out of any
16 funds in the state treasury due said county or town pay such
17 proportional part and deduct the amount so paid from any
18 such sum in the state treasury due said county or town.

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2 fore referred to are hereby authorized and required to raise
3 by taxation or by borrowing or otherwise such reasonable
4 sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this
5 act. Any loan so made by the municipal officers or county
6 commissioners shall be a legal debt of the county, town, city or
7 plantation whose credit is pledged under this law. All loans
8 made by county commissioners and municipal officers under
9 this law are excepted from the provisions of the laws of the
10 state limiting the borrowing capacity of towns, cities, plan-
11 tations and counties. Provided, however, that all loans
12 made by the county commissioners and municipal officers
13 under this law shall mature in not more than twenty years,
14 and not less than one twentieth of any loan so made shall
15 be raised by taxation and applied in payment of the loan
16 each year after the loan is made.’