

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 129

In Senate, Feb. 27, 1919.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Bridges and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

P. F. CRANE, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Peacock of Washington.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend section one of chapter three hundred and
nineteen of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred and fifteen,
as amended by chapter three hundred and four of the Public
Laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, entitled "An Act
to provide for state and county aid in the construction of
highway bridges."

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

Section one of chapter 319 of the public laws of 1915 as
2 amended by chapter 304 of the public laws of 1917 is hereby
3 further amended by inserting at the end of said section one
4 the following:

'Should the funds raised for bridge construction in any

2 town, city or unorganized township in any one year equal or
3 exceed a tax rate of one cent and not more than two cents
4 on the assessed valuation last determined by the state board
5 of assessors, then the town's, city's or unorganized town-
6 ship's share of the actual cost of the completed bridge shall
7 be 45 per cent, county's 30 per cent and the state's share
8 25 per cent.

Should the funds raised for bridge construction in any
2 town, city or unorganized township in any one year equal or
3 exceed a tax rate of two cents and be not more than three
4 cents on the assessed valuation last determined by the state
5 board of assessors, then the town's, city's or unorganized
6 township's share of the actual cost of the completed bridge
7 shall be 40 per cent, county's 30 per cent and the state's
8 share 30 per cent.

Should the funds raised for bridge construction in any
2 town, city or unorganized township in any one year equal a
3 tax rate of three cents and be not more than four cents on
4 the assessed valuation last determined by the state board of
5 assessors, then the town's, city's or unorganized township's
6 share of the actual cost of the completed bridge shall be 35
7 per cent, county's 30 per cent and the state's share 35 per
8 cent.

Should the funds raised for bridge construction in any
2 town, city or unorganized township in any one year exceed
3 a tax rate of four cents on the assessed valuation last re-
4 turned by the state board of assessors, then the town's, city's

5 or unorganized township's share of the actual cost of the
6 completed bridge shall be reduced five per cent over the
7 tax rate of four cents on the assessed valuation last deter-
8 mined by the state board of assessors that said total amount
9 of funds for bridge construction in any one year totals, and
10 the state's share of the above mentioned cost of 35 per cent
11 shall be increased in the same ratio, provided that in no
12 event shall the town contribute less than 20 per cent of the
13 cost,' so that said section one as amended shall read as fol-
14 lows:

'Section 1. When public convenience and necessity require
2 the building or rebuilding of any bridge in any town or city
3 or unorganized township, said bridge being located on any
4 main thoroughfare, and the cost of said construction, to-
5 gether with all other moneys raised for the construction and
6 repair of ways, highways and bridges in said town, city or
7 unorganized township makes a tax rate in excess of five
8 mills on the valuation of the town, city or unorganized
9 township last made by the board of state assessors, the cost
10 of the construction of said bridge shall be borne as follows:
11 Fifty per cent by the town, city or unorganized township,
12 thirty per cent by the county in which said town, city or
13 unorganized township is located and twenty per cent by the
14 state. Should the funds raised for bridge construction in
15 any town, city or unorganized township in any one year
16 equal or exceed a tax rate of one cent and not more than
17 two cents on the assessed valuation last determined by the

18 state board of assessors, then the town's, city's or unorgan-
19 ized township's share of the actual cost of the completed
20 bridge shall be 45 per cent, county's 30 per cent and the
21 state's share 25 per cent. Should the funds raised for
22 bridge construction in any town, city or unorganized town-
23 ship in any one year equal or exceed a tax rate of two cents
24 and be not more than three cents on the assessed valuation
25 last determined by the state board of assessors, then the
26 town's, city's or unorganized township's share of the actual
27 cost of the completed bridge shall be 40 per cent, county's
28 30 per cent and the state's share 30 per cent. Should the
29 funds raised for bridge construction in any town, city or
30 unorganized township in any one year equal a tax rate of
31 three cents and be not more than four cents on the assessed
32 valuation last determined by the state board of assessors,
33 then the town's, city's or unorganized township's share of
34 the actual cost of the completed bridge shall be 35 per cent,
35 county's 30 per cent and the state's share 35 per cent.
36 Should the funds raised for bridge construction in any town,
37 city or unorganized township in any one year exceed a tax
38 rate of four cents on the assessed valuation last returned by
39 the state board of assessors, then the town's, city's or unor-
40 ganized township's share of the actual cost of the completed
41 bridge shall be reduced five per cent over the tax rate of
42 four cents on the assessed valuation last determined by the
43 state board of assessors that said total amount of funds for
44 bridge construction in any one year totals, and the state's

45 share of the above mentioned cost of 35 per cent shall be
46 increased in the same ratio, provided that in no event shall
47 the town contribute less than 20 per cent of the cost.'