

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT

SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 246

In Senate, March 22, 1919.

Reported by Mr. Peacock from Committee on Ways and Bridges and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

P. F. CRANE, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend Chapter Three Hundred Nineteen, 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 here-
2 by amended by striking out all after the word "construc-
3 tion" in the first sentence. It is further amended by strik-
4 ing out the word "may" in the thirteenth line and inserting
5 therefor the word 'shall.' It is also amended by striking
6 out the last paragraph of said section and inserting in
7 place thereof the following: 'The county commissioners
8 and municipal officers heretofore referred to are hereby au-

9 thorized and required to raise by taxation or by borrow-
10 ing or otherwise such reasonable sums as may be neces-
11 sary to carry out the provisions of this act. Any loan so
12 made by the municipal officers and county commissioners
13 shall be a legal debt of the county, town, city or planta-
14 tion whose credit is pledged under this law. All loans made
15 by county commissioners under this law are excepted from
16 the provisions of the laws of the state limiting the bor-
17 rowing capacity of counties. Provided, however, that all
18 loans made by the county commissioners and municipal
19 officers under this law shall mature in not more than twenty
20 years, and not less than one twentieth of any loan so made
21 shall be raised by taxation and applied in payment of the
22 loan each year after the loan is made.' So that said sec-
23 tion 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 commis-
4 sion to prepare plans, specifications and estimates of the
5 cost of said construction. Upon approval of said plans
6 and specifications by a majority of the board, the state high-
7 way commission shall proceed to let contracts for all work
8 called for by said plans and specifications as soon as the
9 town or towns and the county or counties interested shall
10 have paid into the state treasury their proportional shares
11 of the estimated cost of the construction. In case any coun-
12 ty or town unreasonably neglects or refuses to pay into the

13 state treasury its proportional part of the estimated cost of
14 construction which may be due and payable under the pro-
15 visions of this act, then the state treasurer shall out of any
16 funds in the state treasury due said county or town pay
17 such proportional part and deduct the amount so paid from
18 any such sum in the state treasury due said county or town.

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 rea-
4 sonable sums as may be necessary to carry out the provi-
5 sions of this act. Any loan so made by the municipal offi-
6 cers or county commissioners shall be a legal debt of the
7 county, town, city or plantation whose credit is pledged
8 under this law. All loans made by county commissioners
9 under this law are excepted from the provisions of the laws
10 of the state limiting the borrowing capacity of counties.
11 Provided, however, that all loans made by the county com-
12 missioners and municipal officers under this law shall ma-
13 ture in not more than twenty years, and not less than one
14 twentieth of any loan so made shall be raised by taxation
15 and applied in payment of the loan each year after the loan
16 is made.'