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House of Representatives, February 24, 1955.

Referred to the Committee on Highways, sent up for concurrence and 750 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Williams of Hodgdon.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to the Administration of the Highway Commission.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 23, § 3, repealed and replaced. Section 3 of chapter 23 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 3. Appointment of commission; tenure; choice of chairman; attorney general to be attorney for commission; annual reports. The State Highway Commission, as heretofore established, shall consist of 3 members, one of whom shall be a member of the political party which cast the second highest number of votes in the last gubernatorial election, appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Council from time to time upon the expiration of the terms of office of the members, for terms of 3 years. Each member of the State Highway Commission shall receive an annual salary of \$4,000; they shall also receive their actual expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties while away from their homes. Vacancies occurring during a term shall be filled for the unexpired term. The Commission shall choose a chairman from its members every year, and in case of failure to make such choice, the Governor shall appoint the Chairman. The Attorney General shall be attorney for the Commission and shall, without additional compensation, give the Commission such advice and service as it may from time to time require. The Commission shall be furnished with suitable offices at the seat of government. It shall make an annual report for the fiscal year ending June 30, to the Governor and Council, of its doings and the expenditures of its office, with such statement relative to the construction and maintenance of public highways and such recommendations as to the general policy of the State relative thereto as it considers appropriate.'

Sec. 2. Intent. It is the intent of the Legislature that this act shall in no way affect the tenure of office and the salary of the present members of the Commission except in the following respects:

'Upon its effective date, the term of office of the Chairman shall be reduced to 3 years and his salary shall be reduced to \$4,000 and a chairman shall be elected by the Commission for one year in accordance with this act.'