

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

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[HOUSE.

A N A C T

IN RELATION TO

C O U N T Y R O A D S .

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STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED
AND FORTY-TWO.

AN ACT to provide for making County Roads.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Rep-
2 resentatives in Legislature assembled—as follows :*

3 SECT. 1. The several counties in this State,
4 separately and respectively, are hereby made
5 liable, to open and make all county roads located
6 within their respective limits, and by such means
7 as are prescribed hereafter in this act.

SECT. 2. It shall be the duty of the county
2 commissioners, in the county where the county
3 road or roads are prayed for upon application
4 to, or notice legally served upon them, to exam-
5 ine the road or roads prayed for by the petition-
6 ers, and of good and substantial, incontestable
7 evidence can be produced, and that the travel-
8 ing public demand for their good, the location

9 and building of such a road or roads, and in
10 their better judgment of said commissioners they
11 consider and decide to grant the prayer of the
12 petitioners, it shall be the duty of said county
13 commissioners to locate and cause to be made
14 the aforesaid road or roads prayed for by said
15 petitioners.

SECT. 3. The several county roads to be made
2 by a money tax, to be assessed upon the polls
3 and estates of residents and non-resident pro-
4 prietors of estates in said county, where such
5 county road or roads are located and made, and
6 to be assessed, collected as all county taxes are
7 now collected in this State.

SECT. 4. The commissioners after locating
2 any county road or roads, shall give or cause to
3 be given notice of the same in some public
4 newspaper published in the county where such
5 road or roads is located, if any public newspa-
6 per is published in said county, if not in some
7 public paper designated by said commissioners,
8 four weeks prior to the time of sale, and said
9 commissioners, shall also notify in said town
10 where the said road or roads is located, in three

11 conspicuous places such as the town or towns
12 notify, for the choice for State officers, men-
13 tioning the time, place, and purposes, that at a
14 given time will be sold at public vendue, to the
15 highest bidder or bidders, certain road or roads
16 as above mentioned, on conditions hereafter
17 mentioned.

SECT. 5. It shall be the duty of commission-
2 ers in the several counties to specify in the no-
3 tice given, the plan how the said road or roads
4 shall be made, the width, and all the dimensions,
5 the bridges, &c., the facilities for making said
6 road or roads, also the conditions of payment
7 for making of said road or roads.

SECT. 6. That it shall be the duty of the man
2 or men, or whomsoever it may be, after con-
3 tracting to build a certain road or roads, to give
4 good and sufficient bonds, to the said commis-
5 sioners, to have completed and have made, with-
6 in the limited time, and to the acceptance of
7 said commissioners, or three good and disinter-
8 ested men, that the same is made according to
9 the agreement, and stipulation of aforesaid sale.

SECT. 7. That when the contractor or con-
2 tractors of any road or roads, one half completes

3 his job or jobs, the said commissioners of such
4 county, where such road or roads is made, may
5 give the said contractor or contractors an order
6 on the county treasurer in such county where
7 said road or roads is made, for one third of the
8 whole amount, to be given for making said road
9 or roads, and to be paid by said treasurer on
10 demand; the remainder two thirds to be paid
11 by said treasurer, by order from said commis-
12 sioners, thirty days after the completion and ac-
13 ceptance of said road or roads.

SECT. 8. The time from the location of said
2 road or roads not to exceed the time now estab-
3 lished by law for making and completing, to the
4 acceptance of said commissioners or other men
5 as aforesaid.

SECT. 9. That all acts and parts of acts in-
2 consistent with this act, are hereby repealed.

STATE OF MAINE.



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 18, 1842. }

ORDERED, That 500 copies of the foregoing Bill be printed
for the use of the House.

Attest,

WM. T. JOHNSON, *Clerk.*