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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1476

H. P. 1141

House of Representatives, March 13, 1973

Referred to the Committee on Transportation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Mills of Eastport.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Additional Roads on Indian Reservations
at Pleasant Point and Indian Township.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the roads to be constructed pursuant to this Act will enable the Pleasant Point and Indian Township Passamaquoddy Reservation Housing Authorities to begin construction of 70 units of housing as soon as possible; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 23, § 1051, amended. Section 1051 of Title 23 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 22 of chapter 593 of the public laws of 1971, is further amended by adding 4 new sentences at the end to read as follows:

Additional roads and streets at Pleasant Point and Indian Township proposed by the Pleasant Point and Indian Township Passamaquoddy Reservation Housing Authorities shall be a part of the state highway system if there is a dedication of sufficient land by appropriate authority. The housing authority shall obtain approval from the Commissioner of Transportation for its plans of the proposed roads and streets before dedication. The Depart-

ment of Transportation shall accept the roads and streets set forth on the approved plans when it finds there has been a lawful dedication of the land designated on the plans. The Department of Transportation is authorized to accept funds, other than funds allocated for the construction of state highways, that may be authorized for implementing the housing authority plans for development, and to contract and do all things necessary to cooperate with other governmental agencies in the construction or the maintenance of these roads and streets.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Highway Fund to the Department of Transportation, Bureau of Highways, the sum of \$195,000 for the construction of state highways in the Indian Reservations of Pleasant Point and Peter Dana Point. Any balance on June 30, 1974, shall carry forward until the purpose for which the appropriation is made shall be accomplished.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of the bill is to classify certain new roads on Indian reservations as state highways; to authorize the Department of Transportation to accept available funds for construction and to provide funds for construction of new roads proposed by the Indian Housing Authority.