

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1095

S.P. 327

In Senate, February 22, 2001

An Act to Amend the Law on Local Bridge Reconstruction.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator FERGUSON of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative JODREY of Bethel and
Senator MITCHELL of Penobscot, Representatives: GAGNE of Buckfield, RICHARDSON
of Brunswick.

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

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Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §609-E is enacted to read:

§609-E. Bridges crossing municipal lines

1. Petition Department of Transportation. Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter, municipal officers may petition the Department of Transportation to participate in the cost of reconstruction of any bridge:

A. If that bridge crosses its municipal line into another municipality or unorganized territory on a town way, including a highway over a railroad bridge; or

B. If the municipality shares the bridge with another municipality or unorganized territory whose location is within 250 feet of the bridge.

The department may make surveys and investigations in determining the necessity of reconstructing the bridge and is the sole arbiter as to whether the bridge is reconstructed under this section.

2. Apportionment of costs. The cost of construction of a bridge reconstructed under this section must be apportioned as follows: 50% to the Department of Transportation and 25% to each municipality or unorganized territory over whose line the bridge crosses or whose line is located within 250 feet of the bridge. The department may use any eligible federal funds to reduce proportionately the nonfederal shares of the cost of reconstruction.

SUMMARY

This bill authorizes municipalities or unorganized townships who share a bridge or who have bridges wholly within one town or territory, but located within 250 feet of another town or territory, to petition the Department of Transportation to reconstruct the bridge on a town way. The Department of Transportation would bear 50% of the cost for the construction and the other 50% would be split between the 2 municipalities or unorganized townships.