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No. 1696

S.P. 650

In Senate, December 15, 2005

An Act To Clarify the Assessment of Costs To Maintain a Private Way or Bridge

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 15, 2005. Referred to the Committee on Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative BRYANT of Windham and
Representative: PLUMMER of Windham.

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

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Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §3103, as amended by PL 1997, c. 682, §2, is further amended to read:

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§3103. Contracts for repair; assessments

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The owners, at a meeting held under section 3101, may authorize a contract to be made for making and keeping the way or bridge in repair by the year or for a less ~~lesser~~ time, and may raise money for that purpose and choose assessors to assess it on the owners in proportion to their interests, who as indicated by their assessed valuation for property tax. The assessors shall deliver their assessment with a warrant for its collection to the commissioner. The warrant must be in substance such as is prescribed for collection of town taxes. The commissioner shall collect the same as town taxes are collected, and be liable for neglect of duty as town collectors are for similar neglects.

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SUMMARY

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This bill provides that the assessment for the repair or maintenance of a private way or bridge is applied proportionally on the owners according to their assessed valuation for property tax.