

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Sixty-Seventh Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 305.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED
AND NINETY-FIVE.

AN ACT to provide for the appointment of a Com-
missioner of Highways.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

SECTION 1. The governor, with the advice and consent
2 of the council, within thirty days after approval of this
3 act, shall appoint a suitable person, as commissioner of
4 highways; who shall hold his office for the term of two
5 years and until his successor is appointed and qualified,
6 and he shall receive an annual salary of fifteen hundred
7 dollars, and in addition thereto the actual amount paid
8 out for his traveling expenses within this state, and such
9 other expenses not exceeding five hundred dollars annually

10 as may be incurred in the executing of the duties of his
11 office as hereinafter provided, the same to be approved by
12 the governor and council.

SECT. 2. Said commissioner of highways shall be pro-
2 vided with an office at the state capitol. It shall be the
3 duty of said commissioner to compile statistics relating to
4 the public ways in the cities and towns of the state, and
5 to make such investigation relating thereto as he shall
6 deem expedient, in order to secure better and more im-
7 proved highways in the state. It shall be his duty by
8 means of maps, charts, cuts, drawings, prints, publica-
9 tions printed or written articles, lectures or otherwise to
10 disseminate knowledge throughout the state concerning
11 the best known methods for the building and maintaining
12 of highways, including bridges and sidewalks in the cities
13 and towns of the state, and particularly to impart such
14 information, in manner as aforesaid to the county commis-
15 sioners of counties, the street commissioners of cities, the
16 selectmen of towns and other municipal officers whose
17 duties it may be to have the care and management of the
18 expenditure of money and the building and keeping in
19 repair of the highways in the state. Said commissioner
20 shall hold each year under the auspices of the county
21 commissioners a meeting in each county for the open dis-
22 cussion of questions relating to the building and maintain-
23 ing of public ways, of which due notice shall be given
24 throughout the county by the said county commissioners.

SECT. 3. He shall make an annual report to the gov-
2 ernor and council of his doings, and expenditures of his
3 office, together with such statements bearing upon the
4 construction and maintenance of ways, and suggestions

5 and recommendations concerning the same, as he deems
6 appropriate, including recommendations for any legisla-
7 tion which to him seems expedient and necessary. His
8 report shall be transmitted to the secretary of state on or
9 before the first Wednesday of January of each year. All
10 maps, plans, statistics and other valuable facts collected
11 and compiled under his direction, shall be preserved in
12 his office, and become the property of the state.

SECT. 4. County commissioners and city and town
2 officers having the care of and authority over public ways
3 and bridges throughout the state shall on request furnish
4 said commissioner any information which they may possess,
5 and required by him concerning ways and bridges within
6 their jurisdiction.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
March 7, 1895.

Reported by Mr. HAINES of Waterville, from Committee on Judiciary, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*