

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Sixty-Seventh Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 385.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT relating to the repairs of Highways and Bridges in
Towns.

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

SECTION 1. Each town shall constitute one highway
2 district for the construction and repair of highways within
3 such town, and all the existing subdivisions of any town
4 into highway districts in excess of one are hereby abolished,
5 except cities.

SECT. 2. Each town shall annually, at its annual meet-
2 ing, raise and appropriate for the repair of highways and
3 bridges within such town a sum not less than one-fourth

4 of one per cent of the valuation of the polls and ratable
5 estates on which other taxes are assessed by the town,
6 and in addition to said sum of one-fourth of one per cent
7 of the valuation of the polls and estates of such town for
8 taxation each town may raise as much more as they may
9 deem necessary. Said taxes shall be assessed, collected
10 and paid into the town treasury as other town taxes are.

SECT. 3. After the annual election in each town the
2 selectmen shall appoint a road commissioner who shall
3 have charge of the repairs of all highways and bridges
4 within the town, and shall have authority to employ the
5 necessary men and teams, and purchase timber, plank and
6 other material for the repair of highways and bridges.
7 Said commissioner shall be sworn to the faithful discharge
8 of his duty, give bonds to the satisfaction of the select-
9 men, and be responsible to them for the expenditure of
10 money, and discharge of his duties generally. The com-
11 pensation of said commissioner shall be such sum as the
12 town shall annually vote therefor, which sum shall in no
13 case be less than two dollars per day for every day of
14 actual service, and he shall render to the selectmen
15 monthly statements of his expenditures and receive no
16 money from the treasurer only on the order of the select-
17 men.

SECT. 4. No person can, at the same time, hold the
2 office of highway commissioner and selectman.

SECT. 5. Seventy-five per cent of the highway taxes
2 raised and provided in this act shall be expended upon the
3 highways prior to the fifteenth day of July, and the bal-
4 ance at such time as the commissioner deems for the best
5 good of the public.

SECT. 6. Said commissioner shall keep accurate accounts
2 showing in detail all moneys received by him, from whom
3 and when received, and all moneys paid out by him, to
4 whom and for what purpose. He shall settle his accounts
5 on or before the twentieth day of February annually, and
6 the same shall be reported in the annual town report in
7 detail.

SECT. 7. Said commissioner shall hold his respective
2 office for the term of one year from the date of his appoint-
3 ment or until the appointment and qualification of his suc-
4 cessor.

SECT. 8. So much of chapter eighteen of the Revised
2 Statutes, and all other acts and parts of acts inconsistent
3 herewith are hereby repealed.

SECT. 9. All cities shall be exempt from the provisions
2 of the foregoing bill.

SECT. 10. This act shall take effect March first, eigh-
2 teen hundred and ninety-six.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
March 20, 1895. }

Reported by Mr. JONES of Howland, from Committee on Ways
and Bridges, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*