

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Sixty-Eighth Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 15.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT relating to Expenditures of the Railroad Com-  
missioners.

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

Section 1. Commencing with January, 1897, the board of  
2 railroad commissioners may annually expend the sum of  
3 twelve hundred dollars, additional to the amount now pro-  
4 vided by law, in procuring maps, books, stationery and  
5 statistics, clerk and stenographic assistance, and in defray-  
6 ing expenses incidental and necessary to the discharge of  
7 its duties and in procuring the assistance of a mechanical  
8 expert in the examination of iron bridges. The amount  
9 named herein to be raised in the same manner as provided  
10 by section four of chapter 313 of the Public Laws of 1889.



### STATEMENT OF FACTS.

When the law was enacted in 1889, the sum of two thousand dollars was fixed as the amount which the board of railroad commissioners might expend for purposes mentioned in the act and for a time it was sufficient to meet the demands of the work of the board, but the railroad mileage has increased so largely that it found the amount heretofore appropriated is not sufficient to meet the necessary expenses of the work if conducted for the best interests of the State. The passage of this act will not be any addition to the taxes by the State, as the amount is paid by the railroad corporations separate and additional to all other State taxes.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

January 28, 1897.

Reported by Mr. SPEAR of Rockland, from Committee on Railroads,  
Telegraphs and Expresses, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*