

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Sixty-Eighth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 372.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT amendatory of and additional to Chapter 18 of the
the Revised Statutes, relating to the Repair of Highways.

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

Section 1. Sections sixty, sixty-three and seventy-three
2 of the Revised Statutes, are hereby repealed.

Sect. 2. Section seventy of said chapter is hereby amended
2 to read as follows:

'Section 70. Towns may raise money for the repair of
4 bridges and ways, and direct the same to be assessed as other
5 town taxes, to be expended for the purpose by a road com-
6 missioner, under the direction of the selectmen.'

Sect. 3. Section fifty-nine of said chapter is hereby
2 amended by striking out all after the word “changes,” in the
3 second line, so that said section, as amended, shall read as
4 follows:

‘Section 59. Each town shall annually raise money to be
6 expended on the town ways and highways, to be assessed
7 as other town charges.’

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

Sect. 5. No person can, at the same time, hold the office
2 of road commissioner and selectman.

Sect. 6. Seventy-five per cent of the highway taxes
2 assessed shall be expended upon the highways prior to the

3 fifteenth day of July, and the balance at such time as the
4 commissioner deems for the best good of the public.

Sect. 7. If a town fails to elect a road commissioner at
2 its annual meeting, or if a person elected fails to qualify
3 before the first day of April, the office shall be deemed
4 vacant, and shall be filled by the selectmen by appointment;
5 and in the event of a vacancy caused by death or otherwise,
6 the selectmen shall appoint some competent person to fill
7 out the unexpired term, who shall qualify and perform his
8 duties as prescribed by section four of this act.

Sect. 8. Said commissioner shall keep accurate accounts,
2 showing in detail, all moneys paid out by him, to whom and
3 for what purpose; he shall settle his accounts on, or before
4 the twentieth day of February, annually, and the same shall
5 be reported in the annual town report in detail.

Sect. 9. Said commissioner shall hold his respective office
2 for the term of one year from the date of his election, or
3 until the election or appointment, and qualification of his
4 successor.

Sect. 10. So much of chapter eighteen of the Revised
2 Statutes and all other acts and parts of acts inconsistent
3 herewith, are herewith repealed.

Sect. 11. This act shall take effect March first, eighteen
2 hundred and ninety-eight.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

March 24, 1897.

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

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*