

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Seventieth Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 46

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND ONE.

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AN ACT providing for State Roads and for the improve-  
ment thereof.

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

Section 1. Upon the request of the municipal officers  
2 of any town, the county commissioners of the county  
3 wherein said town is located, shall designate that highway  
4 running through said town which in their judgment is the  
5 main thoroughfare, and said highway shall be known as a  
6 state road.

Sect. 2. Towns establishing state roads as aforesaid  
2 may, on complying with the conditions hereinafter set  
3 forth, receive from the state one-half of the amount  
4 actually expended in permanent improvement of said

5 roads, not exceeding one hundred dollars per year; pro-  
6 vided, that no town shall receive such state aid unless its  
7 appropriation and expenditure for such road shall amount  
8 to at least one hundred dollars and shall have been exclu-  
9 sive of and in addition to the amount regularly raised in  
10 such town for highways and bridges; and provided, also,  
11 that the amount so expended shall be used before the first  
12 day of August in permanent improvement of a continuous  
13 portion of said road, and in a manner satisfactory to the  
14 county commissioners of the county wherein said road is  
15 located. Such aid shall be paid from the state treasury  
16 on and after the first day of January, upon certificate by  
17 the governor and council as provided by section three.

Sect. 3. Municipal officers of towns improving state  
2 roads under the foregoing provisions shall annually  
3 before the first day of September make return, under  
4 oath, to the county commissioners of their county of the  
5 amount appropriated and expended by their town in such  
6 permanent improvements, the amount of road improved  
7 and the character of the work done. It shall be the duty  
8 of the county commissioners to inspect the road so  
9 improved, and if they are satisfied that the provisions of  
10 the previous section have been complied with, they shall  
11 certify to the governor and council the sum which said  
12 town is entitled to receive from the state. Any town dis-  
13 satisfied with their decision may appeal to the governor  
14 and council. The governor and council shall issue a cer-

15 tificate to the treasurer of the town for such amount as  
16 they adjudge such town entitled to receive from the state  
17 treasury.

Sect. 4. Nothing herein contained shall be construed  
2 as changing the existing control of highways by counties  
3 or towns or as limiting or changing their liabilities  
4 therefor.

Sect. 5. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
AUGUSTA, January 31, 1901.

Tabled pending reference by Mr. MOULTON of South Portland, and  
ordered printed.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*