

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Seventieth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 247

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT providing for State Roads and for the improvement
thereof.

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

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

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

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

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

Sect. 4. Towns desiring to take advantage of the provisions
2 of this act, may, through their municipal officers make appli-
3 cation therefor to the secretary of the state, and it shall be

4 his duty to record such applications in the order in which they
5 are received. If the appropriation provided by the state for
6 that purpose is insufficient in any year to furnish aid to all
7 the towns applying therefor they shall receive such aid in the
8 order in which their applications were presented, providing
9 the other conditions of this act have been complied with, and
10 those towns whose claims cannot be paid in any year by rea-
11 son of such lack of funds shall have the preference of all
12 others in the succeeding year, and shall be the first to receive
13 aid out of the appropriation for that year.

Sect. 5. No town which receives by special act or appro-
2 priation assistance from the state in the construction or
3 repairs of its highways or bridges shall be entitled to the
4 benefits of this act during the year in which such assistance
5 is given.

Sect. 6. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of
2 this act the sum of ten thousand dollars is hereby appro-
3 priated for the year nineteen hundred and one, and the sum
4 of fifteen thousand dollars for the year nineteen hundred and
5 two.

Sect. 7. The word "town" in this act shall be construed as
2 meaning cities, towns or organized plantations.

Sect. 8. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as
2 changing the existing control of highways by counties or
3 towns or as limiting or changing their liabilities therefor.

Sect. 9. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, February 27, 1901.

Reported by Mr. MOULTON of South Portland, from Committee on State Lands and State Roads, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*