

NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 466

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to create a bridge commission to investigate the bridges connecting the State of Maine and the state of New Hampshire.

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

Section I. A bridge commission consisting of three mem-2 bers is hereby created to act in conjunction with a like com-3 mission appointed by the state of New Hampshire, whose 4 duty it shall be to consider all questions relating to the free-5 ing of all toll bridges between the State of Maine and the 6 state of New Hampshire, and shall ascertain the cost of free-7 ing such bridges, number of same and where located.

They shall also ascertain the number of free bridges, cost 9 of same, amount paid by towns in Maine to free the same, 10 and where located. It shall be their duty also to ascertain where new bridges, 12 if any, shall be built to best accommodate the general public 13 of Maine, and cost of same.

They shall also decide what shall be the equitable division 15 of the cost of such bridges and their maintenance, as divided 16 between the states of Maine and New Hampshire.

It shall be the duty of said commission also to consider all 18 questions relating to the freeing of all toll bridges between 19 the State of Maine and the state of New Hampshire, and 20 they shall ascertain the cost of freeing such bridges, the 21 number of the same, and where located.

They shall also decide what shall be the equitable difference 23 of the cost of such bridges and their maintenance as divided 24 between the states of Maine and New Hampshire.

Sect. 2. It shall be the duty of the governor to appoint 2 the members of such bridge commission within sixty days 3 from the time of passage of this act, and to notify the gov-4 ernor of New Hampshire of their appointment.

Sect. 3. Members of such bridge commission shall hold 2 office for two years and they shall receive no compensation 3 for their services.

Sect. 4. The governor is hereby authorized to draw his 2 order on the State treasurer for such sums as may be required 3 to pay expenses of such commission, and the treasurer shall 4 pay the same when countersigned by the governor.

Sect. 5. The bridge commission hereby created shall make 2 a full report on all points mentioned in this act and any other 3 matter considered by them to have a bearing on the subject,

4 to the legislature of 1907.

Sect. 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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STATE OF MAINE.

House of Representatives, Augusta, March 9, 1905.

Reported by Mr. HOLMES from Committee on Legal Affairs and ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, Clerk.