

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 568

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to provide for State aid, and for the expenditure of
other public moneys, in the permanent improvement of main
highways or State roads.

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

Section 1. The objects of this act are to obtain a more
2 uniform system for the permanent improvement of main
3 highways throughout the state, to secure the co-operation
4 of the municipalities and the state in providing means there-
5 for, and to provide for more efficient and economical expend-
6 iture of moneys appropriated for highway construction and
7 repair.

Sect. 2. The following described roads shall be considered
2 main highways or state roads within the meaning of this act:
3 in towns which have already availed themselves of the pro-
4 visions of sections ninety-nine to one hundred and five of
5 chapter twenty-three, Revised Statutes, nineteen hundred
6 and three, and acts amendatory thereof and additional there-
7 to, such roads as have heretofore been designated state roads
8 by the county commissioners; in towns which have not here-
9 tofore availed themselves of the provisions of sections ninety-
10 nine to one hundred and five of chapter twenty-three Re-
11 vised Statutes, nineteen hundred and three, and acts amenda-
12 tory thereof and additional thereto, but which vote to accept
13 the provisions of this act, such roads as may hereafter be
14 designated at the state road, under the provisions of this
15 act. When notified by the state commissioner of highways
16 that any town has voted to accept the provisions of this act,
17 it shall be the duty of the county commissioners of the county
18 in which such town is located, on or before June first of the
19 year of such notification, to make such designation, and the
20 clerk of each board of county commissioners shall return
21 forthwith to the state commissioner of highways a record of
22 their proceedings in each town and a description of each
23 road designated as state road.

Provided, however, that upon petition of a majority of the
25 legal voters in any town or a majority of the municipal offi-
26 cers of any city presented to the state commissioner of high-
27 ways stating that in the judgment of the petitioners the road
28 as designated by the county commissioners is not the main
29 traveled thoroughfare in that town and that public con-

30 venience would be better served by the designation of some
31 other road as the state road, which other road must be
32 described in the petition, it shall be the duty of the state
33 commissioner of highways, after such notice as he may
34 order, to give a public hearing upon said petition at some
35 convenient place where all parties interested may be heard.
36 The state commissioner of highways, the mayor or street
37 commissioner or city engineer, if designated by the mayor
38 to act in his stead, in the case of cities; the chairman of the
39 selectmen or one member of the board whom the chairman
40 shall designate, in the case of towns; the chairman of the
41 board of assessors, or one member of the board of assessors
42 who shall be designated by the chairman, in the case of plan-
43 tations; and a county commissioner from an adjoining county
44 to be chosen jointly by the state commissioner and the rep-
45 resentative of the city, town or plantation as provided herein,
46 shall constitute a board to hear said petitions and parties
47 interested and designate the state road, which designation
48 shall be final. County commissioners when hearing said
49 petitions shall receive three dollars per day and expenses,
50 to be paid together with advertising and incidental expenses
51 from the treasury of the county in which the town is located.
52 In case the decision is against the petitioners said board shall
53 order in their decision that the petitioners repay to the county
54 within a fixed time all said costs in connection with the hear-
55 ing of the petition. In case such payment shall not be made
56 within the time so fixed then the treasurer of the county
57 within which the petition was heard shall commence an
58 action of debt against said petitioners or any of them in the

59 name of the county for the recovery of said costs and
60 expenses.

Provided, further, that when the state road in any town has
62 been reconstructed in a permanent manner within the mean-
63 ing of this act it shall be the duty of the county commis-
64 sioners to designate the next important main thoroughfare
65 as state road. Municipal officers may notify the state com-
66 missioners of highways when in their opinion the state road
67 is entirely reconstructed as above, but such notification must
68 be made immediately upon the completion of the road. It
69 shall then be the duty of the state commissioner of highways,
70 together with the county commissioners of the county in
71 which the road is located to make an inspection of the road
72 and to determine whether or not it is complete. If they find
73 the road to be not complete they shall specify to the muni-
74 cipal officers in what particulars, and the municipal officers
75 shall, in their next proposal for expenditure of joint funds,
76 specify that it is desired to use said joint funds in completing
77 said road according to said specifications returned by the
78 state commissioner of highways and the county commis-
79 sioners. If the road is complete the county commissioners
80 shall designate another state road as provided in this section.

Sect. 3. To carry out the provisions of this act there is
2 hereby created and established a state highway department
3 whose chief officer shall be called the state commissioner of
4 highways. Said commissioner shall be a civil engineer and
5 shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and con-
6 sent of the council, within ten days after this act takes effect.
7 The term of office of said commissioner shall be four years
8 and until his successor is appointed and qualified. He shall

9 receive an annual salary of two thousand five hundred dol-
10 lars, and in addition thereto such actual expenses, not exceed-
11 ing fifteen hundred dollars annually, as he may personally
12 incur in the execution of the duties of his office, the same
13 to be approved by the governor and council. Said com-
14 missioner shall be furnished with suitable offices at the seat
15 of government properly provided with all necessary furni-
16 ture, equipment and stationery, and he shall personally super-
17 intend the work of the department. Said commissioner may
18 appoint, if the work of the department requires it, subject
19 to the approval of the governor and council, one assistant
20 commissioner who shall be a civil engineer and experienced
21 in road building. Said assistant commissioner shall receive
22 an annual salary not to exceed fifteen hundred dollars and
23 actual expenses incurred when on official business within the
24 state, the same to be approved by the governor and council.
25 He may also appoint one clerk and bookkeeper at a salary
26 not to exceed thirteen hundred dollars and one stenographer
27 at such salary as may be determined upon and approved by
28 the governor and council.

He may also employ such other help as the execution of
30 this act shall make necessary upon terms to be approved by
31 the governor and council.

All salaries and expenses called for in this section shall
33 be charged against administration except as hereinafter pro-
34 vided.

Sect. 4. Each town shall, of the amount of money annually
2 raised and appropriated for the repair of its highways, set
3 apart the following amounts, to be used for the permanent

4 improvement of its main highways, such improvements to
5 be under the advice of the state commissioner of highways.

Towns having a valuation of less than two hundred thou-
7 sand dollars, fifty cents on each one thousand dollars of valu-
8 ation, and towns of two hundred thousand dollars and less
9 than one million dollars, thirty-three and one-third cents on
10 each one thousand dollars of their valuation; towns of one
11 million dollars and less than three million dollars valuation,
12 twenty-five cents on each one thousand dollars; towns of
13 three million dollars and less than five million dollars, six-
14 teen and two-thirds cents on each one thousand dollars;
15 towns of five million dollars and less than fifteen million
16 dollars, eleven and one-ninth cents on each one thousand
17 dollars; and towns of fifteen million dollars and upwards,
18 eight and one-third cents on each one thousand dollars.

And the commissioners of each county within which are
20 located unincorporated townships shall set apart of the money
21 raised and appropriated for the repair of highways in such
22 unincorporated townships, thirty-three and one-third cents
23 on each one thousand dollars of the valuation of each unin-
24 corporated township in which there are highways, to be
25 expended for permanent improvements of said highways as
26 indicated in the first paragraph of this section.

Sect. 5. If any city or town or organized plantation or the
2 county commissioners for any unincorporated township desire
3 state aid, as contemplated by this act, for the permanent
4 improvement of the main highways within such city, town,
5 organized plantation or unincorporated township, in addition
6 to the improvements provided for by the amount set apart,
7 as required by section four of this act, such city or town or

8 organized plantation and the commissioners of the county
9 for such unincorporated township, shall raise, appropriate,
10 and set apart an additional sum equal to fifty per cent of
11 the amount required to be set apart for permanent improve-
12 ments under section four of this act, and all money set apart
13 by any city, town or organized plantation or the county com-
14 missioners for any unincorporated township under this sec-
15 tion, meaning the additional sum equal to fifty per cent of
16 the amount required to be set apart under section four of this
17 act, shall be raised, appropriated, and set apart in addition
18 to the amount regularly raised for the maintenance of high-
19 ways. Application for such state aid in any year, and notice
20 of the raising, appropriation, and setting apart of such
21 additional sum by any city or town, or organized plantation
22 or by the commissioners of such counties as have unincor-
23 porated townships entitled to state aid, shall on or before
24 April fifteenth of such year, be made and given to the state
25 commissioner of highways by the clerks of such cities, towns,
26 plantations or boards of county commissioners; except that
27 in the case of cities the time may be extended to June fif-
28 teenth. Otherwise they shall not be entitled to such aid for
29 such year.

It shall be the duty of the selectmen of each town to insert
30 in the warrant for each annual town meeting an article call-
31 ing upon the voters to vote "yes" or "no" on the adoption
32 of the provisions of this act relating to the appropriation of
33 money necessary to entitle the town to state aid for high-
34 ways, for the year in which such meeting is to be held.

Sect. 6. The state commissioner of highways shall appor-
2 tion from the amount appropriated under the provisions of

3 this act, to each city, town, organized plantation and unin-
4 corporated township which has applied for state aid and has
5 raised, appropriated, and set apart the additional amount pro-
6 vided for in section five entitling it to state aid, for the per-
7 manent improvement of its highways, for each dollar so set
8 apart by such city, town or organized plantation, or for such
9 unincorporated township, under sections four and five, the
10 following amounts:

Towns, organized plantations and unincorporated town-
12 ships, having a valuation of less than one hundred thousand
13 dollars, two dollars for each one dollar set apart under sec-
14 tions four and five; towns, organized plantations and unin-
15 corporated townships having a valuation of one hundred
16 thousand dollars and less than two hundred and fifty thou-
17 sand dollars, one dollar and fifty cents; towns, organized
18 plantations and unincorporated townships having a valuation
19 of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars and less than five
20 hundred thousand dollars, one dollar and twenty-five cents;
21 towns having a valuation of five hundred thousand dollars
22 and less than one million dollars, one dollar; cities and towns
23 having a valuation of one million dollars and upwards, sev-
24 enty-five cents.

Sect. 7. The amount of money set apart by such city, town,
2 organized plantation, or for such unincorporated township
3 as applies for state aid, as provided for in sections four and
4 five, with the amount apportioned by the state commissioner
5 of highways, as provided for in section six, shall constitute
6 a joint fund for the permanent improvement of the state
7 road in each of said cities, towns, organized plantations or

8 unincorporated townships. And on or before May fifteenth
9 of each year it shall be the duty of the officers having juris-
10 diction over highways in said cities, towns, organized plan-
11 tations and unincorporated townships to file with the state
12 commissioner of highways a proposal setting forth the loca-
13 tion on the state road and nature of the permanent improve-
14 ments desired to be made; except that in the case of cities
15 the time may be extended to July fifteenth. The state com-
16 missioner of highways shall upon receipt of this proposal
17 notify the said officers whether or not the proposed location
18 and the proposed work meets with his approval, and if not,
19 his reasons therefor.

Such cities, towns, organized plantations and unincorpo-
21 rated townships as do not apply for state aid under section
22 five of this act may expend the money set apart under section
23 four for permanent improvements upon such highways as
24 the officers having jurisdiction over highways in such cities,
25 towns, organized plantations or unincorporated townships
26 may designate. And on or before June first of each year it
27 shall be the duty of the said officers having jurisdiction over
28 highways in said towns, organized plantations and unincor-
29 porated townships to file with the state commissioner of high-
30 ways a proposal setting forth the location and nature of the
31 permanent improvements desired to be made; and cities shall
32 have until July fifteenth to file said proposal. The state
33 commissioner of highways shall upon receipt of this pro-
34 posal notify the said officers whether or not the proposed
35 work meets with his approval, and if not, his reason there-
36 for. He may also, upon the request of the said officers of
37 any city not employing a city engineer, or town or organ-

38 ized plantation or unincorporated township, furnish to such
39 city, town, organized plantation or unincorporated township,
40 free of charge, the services of any engineer in the employ
41 of the state under this act for the purpose of consultation and
42 advice concerning the construction, improvement and repair
43 of the highways in such city, town, organized plantation or
44 unincorporated township. And any special expenses in-
45 curred in providing such engineers shall be charged against
46 administration and shall be paid for out of the general appro-
47 priation made under this act. But towns may, if they see
48 fit, pay for such services out of any moneys appropriated for
49 highway repairs. The officers having jurisdiction over high-
50 ways in such cities, towns, organized plantations, or unincor-
51 porated townships as shall make improvements under sec-
52 tion four of this act, and do not take advantage of state aid,
53 shall file with the state commissioner of highways on or
54 before November first a statement that said improvements
55 have been made according to the proposal filed by them on
56 or before the fifteenth day of July and accepted by him,
57 together with a detailed statement of the cost of same.

Any part of said joint fund not expended during the year
59 for which it is set apart and apportioned, may be expended
60 during the succeeding year. If, in the opinion of the state
61 commissioner of highways, said joint fund or any part there-
62 of, for any year cannot be advantageously expended, the
63 same may be expended the succeeding year.

Sect. 8. As soon as the location and general character of
2 the proposed work has been determined upon in towns where
3 one thousand dollars or more of joint fund is to be expended

4 under the provisions of this act, it shall be the duty of the
5 state commissioner of highways to make surveys, plans, esti-
6 mates, and specifications for the proposed improvement.
7 These plans and specifications shall conform substantially to
8 the proposal filed under the preceding section and agreed
9 upon between the state commissioner of highways and the
10 selectmen or other officers having jurisdiction over highways.
11 Changes of grade and alignment may be made when the road
12 will be benefited thereby and authority is hereby given to
13 make such changes. Said plans and specifications shall, upon
14 completion, be forwarded to the selectmen or other officers
15 having jurisdiction over highways in the said town in which
16 the particular work is located, whose duty it shall be to
17 immediately advertise for bids for doing said work accord-
18 ing to said plans and specifications in two or more public
19 newspapers, printed or circulated in the county, for three
20 weeks successively, at least once in each week. This adver-
21 tisement shall state the place where bidders may examine
22 said plans and specifications, and the time and place where
23 the bids for said work will be received by the board of select-
24 men or other local officers having jurisdiction. Each bidder
25 must accompany his bid with a certified check payable to the
26 treasurer of the city, town, plantation or county as the case
27 may be, for ten per cent of the amount of his bid as a guar-
28 antee that if the work is awarded to him, he will enter into
29 a contract with said board for the same. All bids so sub-
30 mitted shall be immediately and publicly read at the time
31 for opening the same, as stated in said advertisement, and
32 referred to the state commissioner of highways for his ap-

33 proval. The selectmen or other local officers having juris-
34 diction and the state commissioner of highways shall have
35 the right to reject any or all bids, if in their opinion good
36 cause exists therefor, but otherwise they shall award the
37 contract to the lowest responsible bidder. The successful
38 bidder shall give satisfactory evidence of his ability to per-
39 form the contract, and shall within fifteen days from the
40 awarding of the contract also furnish bond in the penal sum
41 of at least the amount of the contract with two or more sure-
42 ties, owners of real estate in the county, or a surety or trust
43 company authorized to transact business within the state, to
44 be approved by both the board receiving the bids and by the
45 state commissioner of highways, conditioned for the faithful
46 performance of said work in strict conformity with the con-
47 tract, plans and specifications for the same. The contract,
48 plans and specifications shall be executed in triplicate, one
49 copy going to the contractor, one to the local board of offi-
50 cers having jurisdiction and one to the state commissioner
51 of highways. Whenever the mayor and city council or such
52 other board as has jurisdiction over highways in a city, or
53 the selectmen of any town, or the assessors of any organized
54 plantation, or the county commissioners for unincorporated
55 townships, shall desire in behalf of such city, town, planta-
56 tion or unincorporated township to bid upon work located
57 within said city, town, plantation or unincorporated town-
58 ship, they shall submit their bids to the state commissioner
59 of highways at least one day prior to the time specified for
60 the opening of the other bids as stated in the advertisement
61 for bids, and all bids submitted in behalf of towns shall be
62 subject to the requirements made and provided for in this

63 section, except that no certified check or bond shall be re-
64 quired of any town or city making bids or accepting con-
65 tract for construction.

No bids in behalf of towns shall be opened by the state
67 commissioner of highways until after the other bids for the
68 same work shall have been publicly opened and read by the
69 board receiving them, as required by this section, and for-
70 warded to the state commissioner of highways. If the state
71 commissioner of highways shall find from the bids so sub-
72 mitted that the bid in behalf of the town is the lowest, the
73 state commissioner of highways shall thereupon award the
74 contract to such town, whereupon the board of local officers
75 having jurisdiction over highways in such town shall forth-
76 with execute a contract in behalf of such town with the state
77 commissioner of highways in behalf of the state, to fulfill
78 all the requirements and terms of the specifications and plans
79 for said work, under which their bid was submitted. The
80 state commissioner of highways, on all work executed by
81 contract, shall make such inspection from time to time as
82 he may deem necessary and all material furnished and labor
83 performed shall be to his satisfaction.

The state commissioner of highways may appoint inspectors
85 if he deems it necessary to supervise the construction of all
86 roads built by contract under the provisions of this act. He
87 shall prescribe their salaries, which shall be satisfactory to
88 the governor and council; said salaries, however, and any
89 special expense incurred in making surveys, plans and lay-
90 outs for contract work shall be charged against the joint
91 fund for the particular work in question.

The inspector shall require all provisions of the contract 93 and specifications to be strictly adhered to by the contractors 94 and immediately after the completion of each contract and 95 before final payment is made the inspector shall make oath 96 that all work has been completed according to contract, plans 97 and specifications.

In towns where less than one thousand dollars of joint 99 fund is to be expended the state commissioner of highways 100 may, upon application of the selectmen or other officers 101 having jurisdiction, or when in his opinion more economical 102 results will be obtained by so doing, make surveys, plans, 103 estimates and layouts and furnish such superintendence as 104 may be necessary for the proper prosecution and comple- 105 tion of state road work. Any expense incurred in doing 106 such work shall be a proper charge against the joint fund 107 for that particular work. A certificate of the cost of every 108 road constructed under the provisions of this act not upon 109 a contract shall be filed with the state commissioner of 110 highways, by the selectmen or authorized authority over 111 the work of the town in which such road shall have been 112 constructed, on or before November first. Survey notes, 113 copies of all plans and contracts together with all other 114 records pertaining to the expenditure of any state moneys 115 under this act or any subsequent act for the improvement 116 of highways shall be filed and remain of record in the office 117 of the state commissioner of highways.

Sect. 9. Payment of the state's share of the joint fund for 2 any town shall be made as follows: When the selectmen of 3 said town shall certify under oath to the state commissioner 4 of highways, that said town has paid out on account of the

5 state road construction the full amount of its share of the
6 joint fund, the state commissioner of highways shall notify
7 the governor and council of that fact and they shall draw a
8 warrant upon the state treasurer in favor of the town for
9 one-half the state's share of said joint fund, for said town.
10 And upon the completion of work in said town the state
11 commissioner of highways shall notify the governor and
12 council of the amount due said town and they shall draw a
13 warrant upon the state treasurer in favor of the town for
14 said amount. Provided, however, that the state's payment
15 may in the discretion of the state commissioner of highways
16 be made in one sum after completion of the work. Work
17 performed by individuals or corporations, not towns, under
18 contract shall be paid for as follows: At or near the end
19 of each calendar month during the progress of the work
20 the state commissioner of highways shall certify to the
21 selectmen of each town in which such contract work is being
22 performed, the amount and value of the work done on such
23 contract during the month, together with a statement of
24 eighty-five per cent of the value of such work, which shall
25 be the amount due the contractor and payable to him by the
26 town treasurer not later than the fifteenth of the month
27 succeeding the month in which the work was done; pro-
28 vided, however, that thirty days after the state commissioner
29 of highways shall certify to the selectmen that all work in
30 connection with any such contract has been completed, in-
31 spected and accepted, the full unpaid balance of said con-
32 tract as shown in said certificate shall be payable to the con-
33 tractor by the town and not before.

Sect. 10. Any highway within any city or town improved
2 by the expenditure of said joint fund shall thereafter be
3 maintained, as are other highways, within the city, town,
4 plantation or township within which it is located, and to the
5 satisfaction of the state commissioner of highways.

Sect. 11. The state shall not be liable to any person or
2 corporation for damages arising from the construction, re-
3 building, improvement or maintenance of any highway under
4 this act. In case any person or persons or corporation shall
5 sustain damage by any change in grade or by taking of land
6 to alter the location of any highway which may be improved
7 under this act the person or persons or corporation injured
8 thereby shall be entitled to compensation to be assessed by
9 the officers having jurisdiction where the road lies, said
10 damage to be assessed and paid according to provisions of
11 statute. In case the award of damages is not satisfactory,
12 parties aggrieved shall have the same right of appeal as is
13 provided by law in the case of damages for altering high-
14 ways.

Sect. 12. To provide funds for the purposes of this act,
2 there shall be assessed annually on all property in the state
3 a tax of one-third of one mill on each dollar of valuation
4 and the money derived from said tax shall be for the exclu-
5 sive uses and purposes set forth in this act. Any unexpended
6 balance at the end of any year shall be added to the fund
7 for the next year. From this fund shall be paid all state
8 aid for road improvement as provided for under this act.

Sect. 13. After providing for the payment of state aid
2 applied for, the balance of the fund or any part of it may

3 be expended by the state commissioner of highways in build-
4 ing connecting roads between state roads as designated by
5 the county commissioners with the object of establishing as
6 far as possible a complete system of continuous main high-
7 ways throughout the state. Provided, however, that no
8 expenditure shall be made under this section in any town
9 which shall fail to accept the provisions of this act as to
10 application for state aid and expenditure of joint funds.
11 Any expenditures made under authority of this section shall
12 be apportioned among the several counties of the state each
13 year on the basis of total road mileage in the county to total
14 mileage in the state and the location of roads to be improved
15 under this section shall be determined for each county by
16 the state commissioner of highways and the county commis-
17 sioners of the county. The same general provisions made
18 for the construction and maintenance of other state roads
19 under this act shall apply to roads constructed under author-
20 ity of this section ; except that the whole cost of construction
21 may be paid by the state.

Provided, further, that the state commissioner of highways
23 may, subject to the approval of the governor and council,
24 apportion in any one year, in addition to the amounts appor-
25 tioned under section six, not exceeding twenty-five per
26 centum of said unexpended balance of the appropriation
27 hereunder, after providing for the payment of state aid
28 applied for, to towns in which the joint fund is insufficient
29 to properly complete the work proposed or undertaken and
30 necessary to be done as one job.

Sect. 14. The fiscal year for the purposes of this act shall
2 end December thirty-one. Wherever the word "valuation"
3 is used in this act it shall mean the valuation last made by
4 the state board of assessors. Wherever the word city, town
5 or organized plantation or unincorporated township is used
6 singly in this act and the phrase or clause in which it is used
7 could as well apply to all four classes of political subdivisions
8 or to any other one class it shall be understood to so apply.

Sect. 15. In connection with the foregoing duties the state
2 commissioner of highways, having first regard for the per-
3 formance of those duties, shall also compile statistics relating
4 to the public ways in the cities and towns of the state, and
5 make such investigation relating thereto as he shall deem
6 expedient, in order to secure better and more improved high-
7 ways in the state. He shall also by means of maps, charts,
8 cuts, drawings, prints, publications, printed or written arti-
9 cles, lectures, or otherwise, disseminate knowledge through-
10 out the state concerning the best known economical methods
11 for the building and maintaining of highways, including
12 bridges, in the cities and towns of the state, and particularly
13 to impart such information, in manner as aforesaid, to the
14 county commissioners of counties, the street commissioners
15 of cities, the selectmen of towns and other municipal officers
16 whose duties it may be to have the care and management of
17 the expenditure of money and the building and keeping in
18 repair of the highways in the state. Said commissioner shall
19 hold each year under the auspices of the county commis-
20 sioners, a meeting in each county for the open discussion of
21 questions relating to the building and maintaining of public
22 ways, of which due notice shall be given to the towns and

23 cities in each county by the said county commissioners.

Sect. 16. The state commissioner of highways shall make
2 an annual report to the governor and council of the opera-
3 tions of the state highway department. This report shall
4 show the number of miles, cost and character of the roads
5 built under its direction, together with a statement of ex-
6 penses of the department and such other information con-
7 cerning the condition of public roads of the state and the
8 progress of their improvement as may be proper. He shall
9 also make recommendations for any legislation which to him
10 seems expedient and necessary.

His report shall be transmitted to the secretary of state as
12 soon after the first Wednesday of January of each year as
13 possible.

Sect. 17. County commissioners and city and town officers
2 having the care of and authority over public ways and
3 bridges throughout the state shall, on request, furnish said
4 commissioner any information which they may possess and
5 required by him, concerning ways and bridges within their
6 jurisdiction.

Sect. 18. Sections ninety-nine to one hundred and five
2 inclusive of chapter twenty-three, Revised Statutes of nine-
3 teen hundred and three and acts amendatory thereof, and
4 chapter one hundred and forty-six of the Public Laws of
5 nineteen hundred and five are hereby repealed when this act
6 takes effect.

Sect. 19. This act shall take effect January first, nineteen
2 hundred and eight.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 14, 1907.

Reported by a majority of the Committee on State Lands and State
Roads, and ordered printed on motion of Mr. PIKE of Eastport.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*