

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 186

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to provide for the construction and maintenance of
highways.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section 1. A tax of one mill on a dollar shall annually be
2 assessed upon all the property in the State according to the
3 valuation thereof, and shall be known as the Mill Tax for
4 the maintenance of roads.

Sect. 2. This tax shall be assessed and collected in the
2 same manner as other State taxes and be paid into the State
3 Treasury and designated as the Highway Fund.

Sect. 3. This fund shall be distributed by the treasurer
2 of the State on the first day of October annually to the sev-
3 eral cities, towns, plantations and unorganized places one-
4 fourth part thereof according to the number of miles of pub-

5 lic streets, ways and highways therein as the same shall ap-
6 pear from the last preceding official return made to the
7 State Highway Commissioner and three-fourths part there-
8 of to the said municipalities according to the valuation there-
9 of as the same shall be fixed by the State Assessors for the
10 preceding year. The funds due to the unorganized planta-
11 tions and townships by virtue of this act shall be paid to the
12 County Commissioners of the county within which said plan-
13 tation and townships lie.

Sect. 4. No sum shall be paid from this fund by the State
2 Treasurer except upon a certificate signed by the municipal
3 officers that the same has been legally and properly expended
4 in the construction and maintenance of public streets, ways,
5 and highways.

Sect. 5. All of the highway mill fund not distributed dur-
2 ing the financial year shall at its close be added to the per-
3 manent fund.

Sect. 6. The municipal officers of cities, towns and or-
2 ganized plantations shall on or before the first day of July
3 in each year make return under oath to the State Highway
4 Commissioner of the number of miles of roads in their re-
5 spective municipalities, and the county commissioners in
6 each county shall make like returns of the number of miles
7 of roads within their respective counties in unorganized
8 places not by law required to maintain their own roads.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, Feb. 15, 1909.

Tabled pending reference to a committee by Mr. WING of
Auburn and ordered printed.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*