

SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 478

House of Representatives, March 8, 1911. Reported by Mr. Skehan from Committee on State Lands and State Roads and ordered printed under joint rules. C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend section thirteen of the Public Laws of 1907, as amended by Chapter 69 of the Public Laws of 1909.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:
Section I. Section thirteen of said act is hereby amended
2 by adding at the end of said section the following: 'and the
3 state commissioner of highways is authorized and directed
4 to sign contracts on behalf of the state for the construction
5 of roads under this section. He may, if bids received for
6 work regularly advertised are in his judgment too high, or
7 if no bids are received, perform said work by any method
8 which the governor and council may approve,' so that said
9 section thirteen as amended shall read as follows:

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'After providing for the payment of state aid applied for, 11 the balance of the fund or any part thereof may be expended 12 by the state commissioner of highways in rebuilding and 13 improving the main thoroughfares of through travel in the 14 state, with the object of establishing a complete system of 15 continuous main highways throughout the state. The loca-16 tion of roads to be improved under this section and the 17 apportionment of funds for the same shall be determined by 18 the state commissioner of highways subject to the approval 19 of the governor and council. The same general provisions 20 made for the construction and maintenance of other state 21 roads under this act shall apply to roads constructed under 22 authority of this section, except that the whole cost of con-23 struction may be paid by the state, and the state commis-24 sioner of highways is authorized and directed to sign con-25 tracts on behalf of the state for the construction of roads 26 under this section. He may, if bids received for work reg-27 ularly advertised are in his judgment too high, or if no bids 28 are received, perform said work by any method which the 20 governor and council may approve.'