

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 582

In Senate, March 22, 1913.

*Presented by Senator Murphy of Cumberland, and on motion
by Senator Packard of Knox, laid on the table for printing,
pending reference to a committee.*

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to provide for appointment of Road Commissioners
by Selectmen.

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

Section 1. Section thirteen of chapter four of the Revised
2 Statutes as amended by chapter two hundred of the Public
3 Laws of one thousand nine hundred and nine is hereby
4 further amended so that said section shall read as follows:

‘Sect. 13. The selectmen of each town shall annually
6 choose by written appointment a road commissioner who
7 shall hold his office for the term of one year from the date
8 of his appointment. Any town may, at its option, vote to

9 have not more than three road commissioners whose ap-
10 pointment, powers and duties shall be the same as prescribed
11 for a single commissioner. No person shall, at the same
12 time, hold the office of road commissioner and selectman.

Sect. 2. Section fourteen of chapter four of Revised Stat-
2 utes is hereby amended by striking out the words “and road
3 commissioners” in the second and third lines thereof, also
4 by inserting the word ‘and’ before the words “town agent”
5 in the second line.

Sect. 3. Section fifteen of chapter four is hereby amended
2 by striking out the word “elected” in the first line of said
3 section and inserting in place thereof the word ‘appointed;’
4 also by striking out the words “If a town fails to elect a
5 road commissioner at its annual meeting, the money raised
6 and assessed for the repair of bridges and ways as provided
7 by section seven of chapter twenty-three shall be expended
8 for that purpose by the selectmen,” so that said section as
9 amended shall read as follows:

‘If a person appointed as road commissioner fails to qualify
11 before the first Monday of April, the office shall be deemed
12 vacant, and shall be filled by the selectmen by appointment;
13 and in the event of a vacancy caused by death or otherwise,
14 the selectmen shall appoint some competent person to fill
15 out the unexpired term, who shall qualify and perform the
16 duties of said office. If after the choice of any officer not
17 required to be chosen by ballot, there is a vacancy in any
18 such office, the municipal officers may fill such vacancies by

19 the written appointment of proper persons, who shall be
20 summoned by the constable to appear and make the oath
21 of office provided in section twenty-six. Such appointment
22 and oath shall be recorded as in case of a choice by the town.
23 No person shall be so appointed without his consent.'