

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE NO. 200

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*House of Representatives, Feb. 16, 1915.*

*Ordered, That five hundred copies be printed and that the same be referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.*

*Committee on Reference.*

*Presented by Mr. Pollard of Solon.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to amend Chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1913.

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

Section eight of chapter 130 of the public laws of 1913 is  
2 hereby amended by striking out all of the remaining portion  
3 of said section after the word "counties" in the thirteenth  
4 line of said section, so that said section as amended shall  
5 read as follows:

Sect. 8. The commission shall lay out, construct and  
7 maintain a system of state and state aid highways substan-  
8 tially as herein described, and the expense of constructing  
9 such state highways shall be borne wholly by the state, ex-  
10 cept as otherwise provided in section twenty-three. The

11 commission shall be sole arbiter of the designation of the  
12 state and state aid highways, but shall after reasonable no-  
13 tice by publication give all parties interested an opportunity  
14 to be heard thereon before commencing such construction.  
15 Except as provided in section twenty-three, the construction  
16 of state highways shall be paid for wholly from the pro-  
17 ceeds of the state bond issue herein provided for, and such  
18 proceeds of the aggregate of such bonds shall be expended  
19 equitably among the various counties.'

Also amend section 19 of said chapter 130 of the public  
21 laws of 1913 as follows: Strike out the remaining part of  
22 said section after the word "dollars" in the twenty-third line  
23 and insert the following: 'shall not receive aid from the  
24 state under this act,' so that section 19 as amended shall  
25 read as follows:

'Sect. 19. If any town desires state aid as provided by this  
27 act, for the building or permanent improvement of one or  
28 more of its state aid highways, such town may raise and  
29 appropriate in addition to the amounts regularly raised and  
30 appropriated for the care of ways, highways and bridges  
31 the following amounts on account of which state aid shall  
32 be paid:

Towns having a valuation of two hundred thousand dol-  
34 lars or less may appropriate any amount not exceeding three  
35 hundred dollars; towns having a valuation of over two hun-  
36 dred thousand dollars and not over eight hundred thousand  
37 dollars may appropriate any amount not exceeding five hun-  
38 dred thirty-three dollars; towns having a valuation of over

39 eight hundred thousand dollars and not over one million dol-  
40 lars may appropriate an amount not exceeding six hundred  
41 dollars; and towns having a valuation of over one million  
42 dollars and not over three million dollars may appropriate in  
43 addition to the sum of six hundred dollars an additional sum  
44 of sixty-six dollars for each two hundred thousand dollars  
45 or fraction thereof valuation in excess of one million; towns  
46 having a valuation of over three million dollars and not over  
47 four million dollars may appropriate not exceeding one  
48 thousand three hundred and thirty-three dollars; and towns  
49 having a valuation of over four million dollars shall not  
50 receive aid from the state under this act.'

Also amend section 31 of said chapter 130 of the public  
52 laws of 1913 as follows: in place of the word "two" in the  
53 sixth line of said section insert the word 'three'; in place  
54 of the word "one" in the ninth line of said section insert  
55 the word 'two'; in place of the words "ninety-two cents"  
56 in the eleventh and twelfth lines of said section insert the  
57 words 'one dollar and twenty-five cents'; in place of the  
58 words "eighty-five cents" in the fifteenth line of said section  
59 insert the words 'one dollar and fifteen cents'; after the  
60 word "over" in the seventeenth line strike out all as far as  
61 the word "the" in the twenty-first line of said section and  
62 insert the following: 'two million dollars, one dollar for each  
63 dollar so appropriated by said town; to each town having  
64 a valuation of over two million dollars and less than three  
65 million dollars, seventy-five cents for each dollar appro-

66 priated by said town; to each town having a valuation of  
67 over three million dollars and not over four million dollars,  
68 fifty cents for each dollar so appropriated by said town.  
69 Any deficiency in the money appropriated by the state for  
70 the state aid roads necessary to carry out the provisions of  
71 this act may be supplied from the money received from the  
72 sale of bonds authorized by chapter 130 of the public laws  
73 of 1913, which this act seeks to amend, and the commission  
74 may expend or cause to be expended under its direction on  
75 the state aid roads in the towns such part of the money re-  
76 ceived from the sale of bonds each year, not exceeding one-  
77 half the total amount so received, as they may determine;'  
78 so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 21. The commission from the fund for state aid  
80 construction provided by this act shall to each town which  
81 has conformed to the provisions of sections nineteen and  
82 twenty for each dollar so appropriated apportion the fol-  
83 lowing amounts: To each town having a valuation of two  
84 hundred thousand dollars or less, three dollars for each dol-  
85 lar appropriated by said town; to each town having a val-  
86 uation over two hundred thousand dollars and not over  
87 one million dollars, two dollars for each dollar appropriated  
88 by said town; to each town having a valuation of over one  
89 million dollars and not over one million two hundred thou-  
90 sand dollars, one dollar and twenty-five cents for each dollar  
91 appropriated by said town; to each town having a valuation  
92 of over one million two hundred thousand dollars and not

93 over one million four hundred thousand dollars, one dollar  
94 and fifteen cents for each dollar appropriated by said town ;  
95 to each town having a valuation of over one million four  
96 hundred thousand dollars and not over two million dollars,  
97 one dollar for each dollar so appropriated by said town ; to  
98 each town having a valuation of over two million dollars and  
99 less than three million dollars, seventy-five cents for each  
100 dollar appropriated by said town ; to each town having a  
101 valuation of over three million dollars and not over four  
102 million dollars, fifty cents for each dollar so appropriated  
103 by said town. Any deficiency in the money appropriated  
104 by the state for the state aid roads necessary to carry out  
105 the provisions of this act may be supplied from the money  
106 received from the sale of bonds authorized by chapter 130  
107 of the public laws of 1913, which this act seeks to amend,  
108 and the commission may expend or cause to be expended  
109 under its direction on the state aid roads in the towns such  
110 part of the money received from the sale of bonds each  
111 year, not exceeding one-half the total amount so received,  
112 as they may determine. The money appropriated by towns  
113 applying for state aid as hereinbefore provided with the  
114 amount apportioned by the commission as hereinbefore  
115 provided shall constitute a joint fund for the construction  
116 and permanent improvement of the state aid highways in  
117 such towns.'