

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 406

House of Representatives, Feb. 27, 1917.

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W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Wilson of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend sections seven, thirty-three and thirty-five
of chapter twenty-five of the Revised Statutes, relating to
funds for state highways.

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

Section 1. Section seven of chapter twenty-five of the
2 revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the
3 word "twenty-two" in the eighth line of said section, the
4 words 'and in section thirty-five' so that said section shall
5 read:

'Sect. 7. The commission shall lay out, construct and
2 maintain a system of state and state-aid highways substan-

3 tially as herein described, and the expense of constructing
4 such state highways shall be borne wholly by the state, ex-
5 cept as otherwise provided in section twenty-two. The
6 commission shall be sole arbiter of the designation of the
7 state and state-aid highways, but shall, as to state high-
8 ways, after reasonable notice by publication give all parties
9 interested an opportunity to be heard thereon before com-
10 mencing such construction. Except as provided in section
11 twenty-two and in section thirty-five, the construction of
12 state highways shall be paid for wholly from the proceeds
13 of the state bond issue herein provided for, and the pro-
14 ceeds of the aggregtae of such bonds shall be expended
15 equitably among the various counties.'

Sect. 2. Section thirty-three of chapter twenty-five of the
2 revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the
3 word "necessary" in the fifth line of said section, the words
4 'to pay bonds maturing during that current year' so that
5 said section shall read:

'Sect. 33. All fees received by the treasurer of state under
2 section thirty-five of chapter twenty-six shall be appropri-
3 ated and used in the following order, namely: First, to
4 pay interest due on all bonds issued under this chapter;
5 second, to create such fund to meet maturing bonds as the
6 governor and council may deem necessary to pay bonds ma-
7 turing during that current year; third, to apply the balance
8 to the fund for maintenance and administration as herein-
9 after provided.'

Sect. 3. Section thirty-five of chapter twenty-five of the
2 revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out all of
3 said section, after the word “thirty-four” in the eighth line
4 of said section and adding in place thereof the following
5 words: ‘If at any time it shall appear to the commission
6 that the amount of this fund exceeds the current require-
7 ments for maintenance and administration, then such excess
8 as the commission may determine, may be expended for the
9 construction of state highways, and any unexpended balance
10 of this fund at the end of any year shall be added to this
11 fund for the next year’ so that said section shall read:

‘Sect. 35. To provide funds for the administration of the
2 office and duties of the commission and for all expenditures,
3 salaries and expense incident thereto as provided in this
4 chapter, and for the maintenance of all state and state-aid
5 highways as herein provided, there shall be appropriated
6 the sum of \$50,000 annually. This fund shall be known as
7 the maintenance and administration fund and to it shall be
8 added from time to time the amounts provided under sec-
9 tions nine, twelve, thirty-three and thirty-four. If at any
10 time it shall appear to the commission that the amount of
11 this fund exceeds the current requirements for maintenance
12 and administration, then such excess as the commission may
13 determine, may be expended for the construction of state
14 highways, and any unexpended balance of this fund at the
15 end of any year shall be added to this fund for the next
16 year.’