

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 625

House of Representatives, March 21, 1917.

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W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Enable the Town of Mexico in the County of Oxford to Free the Mexico Toll Bridge to Public Travel.

Whereas, the Mexico toll bridge connecting the towns of Rumford and Mexico, and used by a large percentage of the traveling public in the eastern part of Oxford county, is owned by the Rumford & Mexico bridge district, which said district consists of a part of the town of Mexico and which said district is willing to sell said bridge and make it a free bridge, and whereas said bridge does not come within the provisions of Chapter three hundred nineteen of the public laws of nineteen hundred and fifteen, therefore

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

Section 1. The municipal officers of the town of Mexico
2 are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to purchase
3 the toll bridge owned by the Rumford & Mexico bridge
4 district, connecting the towns of Rumford and Mexico, for
5 the purpose of making the same a free bridge, and the Rum-
6 ford and Mexico bridge district is hereby authorized to sell
7 said bridge.

Sect. 2. For the purpose of aiding in the purchase of said
2 bridge, the sum of three thousand dollars is hereby appro-
3 priated to be paid to the treasurer of the town of Mexico
4 as hereinafter directed.

Sect. 3. For the above described use of said bridge, and
2 for the purpose of aiding in the purchase of said bridge, the
3 county of Oxford shall pay to the treasurer of the town of
4 Mexico the sum of three thousand seven hundred and fifty
5 dollars.

Sect. 4. For the above described use of said bridge and
2 for the purpose of aiding in the purchase of said bridge, the
3 town of Rumford shall pay to the treasurer of the town of
4 Mexico the sum of five thousand dollars.

Sect. 5. The town of Mexico shall furnish a sum of
2 money sufficient, together with the eleven thousand seven
3 hundred and fifty dollars hereinbefore provided for, to de-
4 fray the entire cost of the purchase of said Mexico toll
5 bridge and make said bridge a free bridge.

Sect. 6. In order to carry out the provisions of this act,

2 the county commissioners of Oxford county and the muni-
3 cipal officers of the towns of Rumford and Mexico are here-
4 by authorized and directed to borrow money temporarily
5 and to issue therefor interest-bearing negotiable notes of the
6 county of Oxford and said towns of Rumford and Mexico.
7 All sums of money mentioned in this act shall be paid to the
8 treasurer of the town of Mexico on or before September
9 first, nineteen hundred seventeen.

Sect. 7. After said bridge has been made a free bridge,
2 the towns of Rumford and Mexico shall, within three months
3 thereafter, put said bridge in a state of repair that shall be
4 approved by the state highway commission and the expenses
5 of said repairs shall be shared equally by the two towns.
6 Thereafter the cost of maintenance and up-keep of said
7 bridge shall be borne equally by said towns of Rumford and
8 Mexico, and they shall forever afterwards keep and main-
9 tain said bridge as a free bridge. The toll bridge and its
10 approaches connecting the two county highways leading
11 along both banks of the Androscoggin river is hereby de-
12 clared to be a county way.