

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 356

In Senate, March 20, 1917.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Bridges and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

Presented by Mr. Conant of Waldo.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend Chapter 319, of the Public Laws of 1915,
entitled "An Act to Provide for State and County Aid in the
Construction of Highway Bridges."

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

Section I. Section one, of chapter 319, of the Public Laws
2 of 1915, is hereby amended as follows:

By inserting after the word "city" in the second line of
2 said section the words 'or unorganized township' and after
3 the word "town" in the fifth line the words 'city, or un-
4 organized township' and after the word "town" in the sixth

5 line the words 'city or unorganized township' and after the
6 word "town" in the seventh line the words 'city or unor-
7 ganized township' and after the word "town" in the eighth
8 line the words 'city or unorganized township' so that said
9 section, as amended shall read as follows:

'When public convenience and necessity require the build-
2 ing or rebuilding of any bridge in any town or city or un-
3 organized township, said bridge being located on any main
4 thoroughfare, and the cost of said construction, together
5 with all other moneys raised for the construction and repair
6 of ways, highways and bridges in said town, city or unor-
7 ganized township makes a tax rate in excess of five mills
8 on the valuation of the town, city or unorganized township
9 last made by the board of state assessors the cost of the
10 construction of said bridge shall be borne as follows:

Fifty per centum by the town, city or unorganized town-
2 ship, thirty per centum by the county in which said town,
3 city or unorganized township is located and twenty per
4 centum by the state.'

Sect. 2. Section 2 of said chapter 319, of the Public Laws
2 of 1915, is hereby amended by inserting at the end of the
3 said section the following:

'When the county commissioners of any county deem that
2 any bridge on any main thoroughfare in any unorganized
3 township in said county, must be built or rebuilt, and in
4 their judgment the expense of the construction will entitle
5 the owners thereof to state and county aid as provided in

6 section one of this act, they shall petition the state highway
7 commission to meet with them for the purpose of examining
8 into and determining whether public convenience and neces-
9 sity require the building or rebuilding of said bridge; said
10 petition to be accompanied by such plans of survey as may
11 be directed to be made by the state highway commission.
12 The said county commissioners and state highway commis-
13 sion shall constitute a board to determine the necessity of
14 building or rebuilding said bridge also the form of construc-
15 tion. The decision of said board or a majority thereof is to
16 be final and conclusive.

The state highway commission shall appoint a time and
2 place for the meeting of said board and give such notice
3 thereof as they shall see fit.

When the state highway commission shall deem that any
2 bridge on any state or state aid highway must be built or
3 rebuilt and, in their judgment, the expense of the construc-
4 tion will entitle the town, or owners of the unorganized
5 township, to state and county aid, as provided in section
6 one of this act they shall notify the municipal officers of
7 the town or towns, or the county commissioners having
8 jurisdiction of the roads in any unorganized township, in
9 which said bridge is located, and the county commissioners
10 of the county or counties in which said bridge is located, to
11 meet with them for the purpose of examining into and de-
12 termining whether public convenience and necessity require
13 the building or rebuilding of said bridge and the state high-

14 way commission shall make necessary surveys and plans of
15 said bridge for the use of said board. The decision of the
16 board or a majority thereof, as provided for in this section
17 is to be final and conclusive.'

Sect. 3. Section 3, of said chapter 319, of the Public Laws
2 of 1915, is amended as follows:

By inserting at the end of the first paragraph of said sec-
2 tion the following paragraph:

'The county commissioners of any county where a bridge
2 is to be built or rebuilt in any unorganized township are
3 authorized and required to assess upon said township such
4 sums as may be required to build or rebuild said bridge
5 according to the last state valuation, the whole expense
6 thereof shall be added to their next assessment on said town-
7 ship for repairs authorized by section sixty of chapter ten
8 of the Revised Statutes which assessment shall create a
9 lien upon said township for the whole amount thereof as
10 effectually as is now provided in relation to repairs on such
11 county road. That portion of said assessment which is for
12 building or repairing said bridge aforesaid, shall be set down
13 in the assessment in distinct items in a separate column and
14 shall be enforced as is provided in section sixty-one of chap-
15 ter ten of the Revised Statutes.'