

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 45

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House of Representatives, Jan. 29, 1919.

Referred to Committee on Public Utilities and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Allan of Portland.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to Provide for Repairing and Maintaining Portland  
Bridge.

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

Preamble: Whereas, Portland Bridge in Portland Harbor was constructed under the provisions of chapter 234 of the private and special laws of Maine of 1913, and

Whereas, one of the piers of said bridge has settled and now prevents the use of said bridge, and it is imperative that the bridge be repaired and made safe and convenient for travel at once, and

Whereas, said chapter 234 made no provision for the present emergency, and

Whereas, the legislature deems the situation to be an emergency rendering the passage of the following act immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, now therefore,

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

Section 1. The county commissioners of Cumberland county are hereby authorized to repair or reconstruct such portions of Portland bridge as may in their judgment be necessary and to make and maintain said bridge safe and convenient for travel and for that purpose they may enter into and execute on behalf of the county all necessary contracts. Said commissioners are hereby authorized and empowered in their discretion to remove any part of the present structure and to make such use or disposition of the material therein contained as they deem for the best interests of the county of Cumberland. The work shall be done in such manner as shall meet the requirements of the several acts of Congress and the regulations of the war department of the United States relating to draws and draw-bridges over and across tide waters.

Sect. 2. For the purpose of this act the county commissioners shall have and exercise in behalf of said county of Cumberland all the rights of eminent domain granted in said chapter 234, entitled "An Act to Provide for the Reconstruction of Portland Bridge," the same to be exercised in the manner provided in said chapter 234.

Sect. 3. For accomplishing the purposes of this act said

2 county of Cumberland through its commissioners is au-  
3 thorized to borrow money temporarily and to issue there-  
4 for the negotiable notes of the county of Cumberland and  
5 for the purposes of refunding the indebtedness so created,  
6 and the refunding of temporary notes of the county of  
7 Cumberland now outstanding to the amount of fifty thou-  
8 sand dollars and for the purpose of paying any necessary  
9 expenses incurred under the provisions of this act, the said  
10 county of Cumberland may from time to time issue bonds  
11 of the county of Cumberland, provided that the aggregate  
12 amount of notes and bonds issued hereunder and outstand-  
13 ing at any one time shall not exceed two hundred and fifty  
14 thousand dollars. Said obligations shall be valid without  
15 first obtaining the consent of the county as provided in sec-  
16 tions 18 and 20 of chapter 83 of the revised statutes.

Sect. 4. Any sums heretofore contracted for or expended  
2 by the city of South Portland in the construction of the  
3 ferry slip at South Portland to provide for public travel  
4 between the cities of South Portland and Portland while  
5 Portland bridge is impassable shall be reimbursed to said  
6 city of South Portland by the county of Cumberland out  
7 of funds herein provided for, upon satisfactory evidence to  
8 the county commissioners as to the amount of such ex-  
9 penditure. After the repairs on said Portland bridge shall  
10 be fully completed and the bridge opened for travel, the  
11 county of Cumberland shall be entitled to take possession  
12 of said ferry slip and sell or otherwise dispose of the same

13 for the benefit of said county. Whatever sum may be re-  
14 ceived from such sale shall be paid into the county treasury  
15 and applied to the reduction of any expense incurred here-  
16 under.

Sect. 5. Emergency clause. In view of the emergency  
2 cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when ap-  
3 proved.