

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 135

House of Representatives, Feb. 12, 1919.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Bridges and 1000 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. H. D. Ridlon, Corinna.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to provide for a Highway Equalization Fund.

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

Section 1. The treasurer of state shall immediately after
2 the first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty, and
3 annually thereafter deduct the sum of fifty thousand dollars
4 from the mill tax highway fund and the same shall be set
5 aside and denominated the highway equalization fund
6 which shall be used in the manner hereinafter designated for
7 the purpose of aiding those towns wherein the tax rate of
8 such town for all purposes shall be in excess of the average
9 of such rates for all the towns of the state.

Sect. 2. The state highway commission shall cause a

2 special investigation to be made of the highway conditions
3 of such towns, exclusive of the state, state aid and federal
4 aid roads in said towns, as are included under the preceding
5 section and, whenever it appears to the state highway com-
6 mission that any town included herein should receive special
7 aid or encouragement for the purpose of constructing or re-
8 pairing any road or section of road in such towns, exclusive
9 of state, state aid and federal aid road, said state highway
10 commission shall issue to the governor and council a recom-
11 mendation relative thereto, and the governor and council
12 may draw a warrant in favor of the treasurer of said town
13 for the payment from the highway equalization fund of a
14 sum which shall be expended under the supervision of the
15 selectmen of said town in accordance with the recommenda-
16 tion as made by the state highway commission and within the
17 purposes of this section and the preceding section. The state
18 highway commission may expend for the special investiga-
19 tion of highway conditions in such towns as are included
20 herein, a sum not to exceed fifteen hundred dollars which
21 shall be deducted from the highway equalization fund; said
22 state highway commission shall annually publish in its
23 printed report a complete statement relative to all disburse-
24 ments as provided in this section and the preceding section.

Sect. 3. All of the highway equalization fund not distri-
2 buted nor expended during the year shall at its close be
3 added to the mill tax highway fund.