

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 136

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. Ridlon of Corinna.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend Section Thirty-six of Chapter Twenty-five of the Revised Statutes, as Provided in Section Eight of Chapter Two Hundred Fifty-eight of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred Seventeen, Providing for the Creation of a Mill Tax Highway Fund, and the Expenditure Thereof.

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

Section thirty-six of chapter twenty-five of the revised 2 statutes, as provided in section eight of chapter two hun- 3 dred fifty-eight of the public laws of nineteen hundred sev- 4 enteen, is hereby amended by striking out the following 5 words in the fourth line, to wit: "state and state aid," and 6 by striking out in the sixth line the words, to wit: "wholly"

7 and the words, "state and state aid," and by inserting im-
8 mediately after the eleventh line the following sentence, to
9 wit: 'Fifty thousand dollars of the amount herein named
10 shall be set aside and denominated the highway equaliza-
11 tion fund for the purpose of aiding those towns wherein
12 the tax rate of such town for all purposes shall be in excess
13 of the average of such rates for all the towns of the state,
14 in the construction of third-class highways as contemplated
15 by section five, chapter twenty-five of the revised statutes,'
16 so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 36. Mill tax highway fund created; how expended.
2 a tax of one mill on a dollar shall annually be assessed
3 upon all the property of the state according to the value
4 thereof, and shall be known as the mill tax highway fund
5 for the construction of highways as defined in section five,
6 chapter twenty-five of the revised statutes. The proceeds
7 of this tax shall be used for the construction of highways
8 as contemplated by said chapter twenty-five. Two hundred
9 thousand dollars of the amount herein named shall be added
10 to the fund of three hundred thousand dollars for state aid
11 construction as provided in section thirty-four, chapter
12 twenty-five of the revised statutes, and shall be applied to
13 the construction of state aid highways and shall be called
14 state aid highway fund. Fifty thousand dollars of the
15 amount herein named shall be set aside and denominated
16 the highway equalization fund for the purpose of aiding
17 those towns wherein the tax rate of such town for all pur-

18 poses shall be in excess of the average of such rates for
19 all the towns of the state, in the construction of third-class
20 highways as contemplated by section five, chapter twenty-
21 five of the revised statutes. The balance of said mill tax
22 highway fund shall be used exclusively for the construction
23 of state highways as provided in chapter twenty-five of
24 the revised statutes and shall be called state highway fund ;
25 except so far as may be necessary to meet the requirements
26 of the national government in order for the state to receive
27 federal aid for highway construction, the state highway
28 fund shall be expended equitably among the several coun-
29 ties of the state by the state highway commission.'