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NEW DRAFT

SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE SPECIAL SESSION

SENATE

NO. 307

In Senate, November 6, 1919.

Reported by Senator Peacock from Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

P. F. CRANE, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

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

Presented by Senator Peacock of Washington.

AN ACT to Provide for an Issue of State Highway and Bridge Bonds.

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

Section 1. In addition to state highway bonds hereto-

- 2 fore issued in the name and behalf of the state and under
- 3 the provisions of chapter one hundred thirty of the public
- 4 laws of nineteen hundred and thirteen, and acts amenda-
- 5 tory thereof and additional thereto, the treasurer of state
- 6 is hereby authorized, under the direction of the governor
- 7 and council, to issue from time to time serial coupon bonds

8 in the name and behalf of the state to an amount not ex-9 ceeding two million, five hundred thousand dollars, payable 10 at the state treasury within forty-one years from date of II issue, at a rate of interest not exceeding five per cent per 12 annum, interest payable semi-annually, and signed by the 13 treasurer of state, countersigned by the governor and at-14 tested by the state auditor with the seal of the state affixed. 15 The coupons attached to said bonds shall bear the facsimile 16 of the signature of the treasurer of state instead of his 17 original signature; and such bonds and coupons shall be 18 of such denominations and form and upon such terms and 10 conditions not inconsistent herewith as the governor and 20 council shall direct. Said bonds and any bonds hereafter 21 issued under the provisions of chapter one hundred thirty 22 of the public laws of nineteen hundred and thirteen and 23 acts amendatory thereof and additional thereto, together 24 with the proceeds thereof shall be designated as the State 25 Highway and Bridge Loan, and shall be deemed a pledge 26 of faith and credit of the State.

Sect. 2. The state auditor shall keep an account of such 2 bonds, showing the number and amount of each, the date 3 of countersigning, the date when payable and the date of 4 delivery thereof to the treasurer of state, who shall keep 5 an account of each bond, showing the number thereof, the 6 name of the person to whom sold, the amount received for 7 the same, the date of sale and the date when payable.

Sect. 3. The treasurer of state may negotiate the sale

2 of such bonds by direction of the governor and council, 3 but no such bond shall be loaned, pledged or hypothecated 4 in behalf of the state. Of the proceeds of the sales of 5 such bonds, which shall be held by the treasurer of state 6 and paid by him upon warrants drawn by the governor 7 and council, two million dollars is hereby appropriated to 8 be used solely for the building of state highways, and five 9 hundred thousand dollars is appropriated to be used solely 10 for the building of intrastate, interstate and international 11 bridges. All of said proceeds of said bonds may be so 12 expended during the calendar year of nineteen hundred 13 and twenty, and any balance unexpended shall not lapse 14 but shall be carried over to their respective accounts and 15 shall be used only for the construction of highways and 16 bridges respectively as provided by law.

The term "intrastate bridges" as used in this section shall 2 include bridges constructed under chapter three hundred 3 nineteen of the public laws of nineteen hundred and fifteen, 4 and the financial obligations of the state incurred under 5 the provisions of that act during the year nineteen hundred 6 and twenty, and the year nineteen hundred and twenty-one, 7 up to June 30, thereof, shall be paid from the appropriation 8 herein made for intrastate, interstate and international 9 bridges.

Sect. 4. All fees received by the treasurer of state under 2 section thirty-five of chapter twenty-six of the revised stat-

3 utes shall be appropriated and used in the following order,4 namely:

First, to pay interest due on all bonds issued under this 2 act and under chapter one hundred thirty of the public laws 3 of nineteen hundred and thirteen and acts amendatory there-4 of and additional thereto, and under chapter forty-four of 5 the public and special laws of nineteen hundred and nine-6 teen.

Second, to create such funds as shall be necessary to re2 deem and retire bonds issued under this act, under chapter
3 one hundred thirty of the public laws of nineteen hundred
4 and thirteen and acts amendatory thereof and additional
5 thereto, and under chapter forty-four of the public and
6 special laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen, as they shall
7 mature.

Third, to provide funds for the administration of the office 2 and duties of the commission and for all expenditures, sala-3 ries and expense incident thereto and for all maintenance 4 requirements under sections eight, seventeen, twenty-five, 5 twenty-six and twenty-seven of chapter twenty-five of the 6 revised statutes, to which shall be added from time to time 7 the amounts provided under sections nine, twelve and thirty-8 four of said chapter; and any balance left unexpended in 9 any year shall be carried over to the same account for the 10 following year.

Sect. 5. No reissue of any bonds heretofore issued under 2 chapter one hundred thirty of the public laws of nineteen

- 3 hundred and thirteen and acts amendatory thereof and ad-
- 4 ditional thereto, or hereafter issued under the provisions
- 5 of this act shall be made without an act of the legislature
- 6 expressly authorizing the same.
- Sect. 6. Section thirty-three of chapter twenty-five of
- 2 the revised statutes as amended by section six of chapter
- 3 two hundred fifty-eight of the public laws of nineteen hun-
- 4 dred and seventeen is hereby repealed.