

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 50

House of Representatives, Jan. 28, 1921.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Bridges and 300 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Murchie of Calais.

STATE OF MAINE
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE

AN ACT to Amend Chapter Twenty-five of the Revised Statutes, as Amended, Relative to State Aid Roads, Granting Certain Powers to Municipal Officers Now Held by the State Highway Commission.

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

Sections eight, thirteen, sixteen and nineteen of chapter 2 twenty-five of the revised statutes are hereby amended by 3 striking out all of said sections, and substituting in place 4 thereof the following:

Sect. 8. State highways, so far as the same have been 2 or shall hereafter be improved and constructed by the state, 3 shall be continually maintained at the joint expense of the

4 state and the town in which the same are located. The
5 expenditure for maintenance shall be made under the direc-
6 tion and control of the commission but the charge against
7 a town for maintenance of the state highway within its
8 limits shall not exceed an average per mile of two per cent
9 of the average cost per mile of the original construction
10 work as paid for by the state under this or earlier acts and
11 such cost shall be figured exclusive of any charge for ad-
12 ministration.'

'Sect. 13. No change of grade or alignment of any state
2 highway or of any state aid highway and no alteration or
3 widening of the same shall be made by the commission ex-
4 cept with the co-operation of the municipal officers of the
5 town where the road proposed to be so changed or altered
6 lies and in every case where any such change or alteration
7 is made the land shall be taken and the damages in equal
8 shares paid by the town and by the state.'

'Sect. 16. The designation of highways, available for aid
2 from the state aid fund, shall be made annually by the mu-
3 nicipal officers on or before the first day of October and
4 the commission shall advise and consult with municipal offi-
5 cers relative to the location of the same and the class of
6 construction intended to be used in their improvement or
7 construction. With such changes, so suggested by the com-
8 mission, as the municipal officers may agree to make therein
9 upon such consultation and advice the commission shall
10 thereupon divide the work into sections made up of com-

11 pact units as near as may be one mile in highway length
12 and shall submit the same to the municipal officers not later
13 than the fifteenth day of February in each year. The mu-
14 nicipal officers shall insert in the warrant for the annual
15 meeting such articles as may be necessary by "yes" or "no"
16 vote to determine whether money shall be appropriated to
17 entitle the town to aid from the state aid fund for the
18 improvement or construction of the several sections of road,
19 or any of them, as made up by the commission.'

'Sect. 19. If the town at such annual meeting votes to
2 appropriate money for the purpose stated in section sixteen
3 the municipal officers shall forthwith notify the commission
4 of such fact stating the amount of money so appropriated
5 and the section or sections of highway to be improved there-
6 with. The commission may consult with and advise the
7 municipal officers relative to the work to be done on the
8 section or sections which the town shall have voted to im-
9 prove and may establish reasonable standards of work to
10 which the towns shall be required to conform but no change
11 of grade or alignment and no widening or other alteration
12 shall be required by such regulations. If any town votes
13 not to appropriate money for this purpose at the annual
14 meeting or if the municipal officers of the town neglect for
15 more than thirty days after the annual meeting to advise
16 the commission of any appropriation made, the town shall
17 not, in that year, be entitled to aid from the state aid fund.'