

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the  
**LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY**  
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library  
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied  
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

(NEW DRAFT)

---

---

**EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE**

---

---

**HOUSE**

**NO. 417**

---

---

House of Representatives, March 28, 1921.

Reported by Mr. Granville from Committee on Ways and  
Bridges and ordered printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

---

---

**STATE OF MAINE**

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

---

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 and bridge bonds  
2 heretofore issued in the name and behalf of the state and  
3 under the provisions of chapter one hundred and thirty,  
4 of the public laws of nineteen hundred and thirteen and  
5 acts amendatory thereof and additional thereto, and under  
6 chapter two hundred fifty-one of the public laws of nine-  
7 teen hundred nineteen, the treasurer of state is hereby au-  
8 thorized, under the direction of the governor and council,  
9 to issue from time to time serial coupon bonds in the name

10 and behalf of the state to an amount not exceeding three  
11 million dollars, payable at the state treasury within forty-  
12 one years from date of issue, at a rate of interest not ex-  
13 ceeding five per cent per annum, interest payable semi-an-  
14 nually, and signed by the treasurer of state, countersigned  
15 by the governor and attested by the state auditor, with the  
16 seal of the state affixed. The coupons attached to said bonds  
17 shall bear the facsimile of the signature of the treasurer of  
18 state instead of his original signature; and such bonds and  
19 coupons shall be of such denominations and form and upon  
20 such terms and conditions not inconsistent herewith as the  
21 governor and council shall direct. Said bonds and any  
22 bonds hereafter issued under the provisions of chapter one  
23 hundred and thirty, of the public laws of nineteen hundred  
24 and thirteen and acts amendatory thereof and additional  
25 thereto, and under the provisions of chapter two hundred  
26 and fifty-one of the public laws of nineteen hundred and  
27 nineteen, together with the proceeds thereof shall be desig-  
28 nated as the state highway and bridge loan, and shall be  
29 deemed a pledge of the 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 of such bonds by direction of the governor and council, but no such bond shall be loaned, pledged or hypothecated in behalf of the state. Of the proceeds of the sales of such bonds, which shall be held by the treasurer of state and paid by him upon warrants drawn by the governor and council, two million three hundred thousand dollars is hereby appropriated to be used solely for the building of state highways and seven hundred thousand dollars is hereby appropriated to be used solely for the building of bridges, as provided by chapter three hundred and nineteen, public laws of nineteen hundred and fifteen, as amended. The proceeds of said bonds may be expended during the fiscal years ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, but any balance unexpended shall not lapse, but shall be carried forward to the same account to be used only for the construction of state highways and bridges as provided by law.

Sect. 4. In case of the adoption by the people of the proposed constitutional amendment submitted by this legislature, amending section seventeen of article nine of the constitution so as to permit the use of the proceeds of state highway bonds for the construction of state aid highways, the treasurer of state is hereby further authorized, under the direction of the governor and council, in addition to the bonds issued under the provisions of section one of this act, to issue from time to time serial coupon bonds in the

10 name and behalf of the state to an amount not exceeding  
11 two million, five hundred thousand dollars, under the same  
12 conditions and subject to the same provisions so far as ap-  
13 plicable as bonds issued under the provisions of section one  
14 of this act. The proceeds of said bonds shall be designated  
15 as the state aid highway loan and shall be deemed a pledge  
16 of the faith and credit of the state.

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

The treasurer of state may negotiate the sale of such bonds  
2 by direction of the governor and council, but no such bond  
3 shall be loaned, pledged or hypothecated in behalf of the  
4 state. Of the proceeds of the sales of such bonds, which  
5 shall be held by the treasurer of state and paid by him upon  
6 warrants drawn by the governor and council, so much as  
7 may be found necessary for the purpose is hereby appro-  
8 priated to be used for the building of state aid highways  
9 under any provision of law obligating the state to contribute  
10 to such purpose. The proceeds of such bonds may be so  
11 expended during the fiscal year ending June thirty, nine-  
12 teen hundred and twenty-three, but any balance unexpended  
13 shall not lapse but shall be carried forward to the same

14 account to be used for the construction of state aid highway  
15 as provided by law.

Sect. 5. The proceeds of all bonds issued under the au-  
2 thority of this or other similar acts, for highway and bridge  
3 purposes, shall at all times be kept distinct from other mon-  
4 eys of the state, and shall not be drawn upon or be avail-  
5 able for any other purpose. So much of the same as from  
6 time to time may not be needed for current expenditures  
7 shall be placed at interest, and the income derived there-  
8 from shall be devoted to the payment of accruing interest  
9 on state highway and bridge bonds, and the treasurer of  
10 state shall include in his annual report a statement of all  
11 moneys so placed at interest, and of all interest collected  
12 and disbursed as herein provided.