

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 454

House of Representatives, April 1, 1921.

Read twice under suspension of rules, tabled by Mr. Murchie pending third reading and 500 copies ordered printed.

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 a Full Time State Highway Commission, Amending Section Three and Section Four of Chapter Twenty-five of the Revised Statutes, Relative to State Highways, and Also Amending Section Thirty-four of Chapter One Hundred Seventeen of the Revised Statutes Relating to Salary of the State Highway Commission.

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

Section 1. Section three of chapter twenty-five of the revised statutes providing for the appointment of a state highway commission is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

‘Sect. 3. The state highway commission shall consist of
2 three members appointed by the governor with the advice
3 and consent of the council, one to serve for two years, one
4 to serve for four years and one to serve for six years; and
5 thereafter, as the terms expire, each appointment shall be
6 for the term of six years. Said commission when appoint-
7 ed and qualified under this act shall succeed to all the rights
8 and powers, and perform all the duties, of the present state
9 highway commission, which is hereby abolished. Vacan-
10 cies occurring during a term shall be filled by appointment
11 for the unexpired term. One member of the commission
12 shall be designated by the governor as chairman. The com-
13 mission shall adopt and have a seal, and shall keep a record
14 of its proceedings, which shall be open to public inspection
15 during business hours, and it may appoint a secretary to
16 keep and certify records and papers.

The members of the commission shall give their full time
2 to the duties of their office. No member or employee there-
3 of shall have any official or professional connection with,
4 or hold any stock or securities in any road-building or
5 bridge-building firm or corporation engaged in work with-
6 in the State of Maine, nor shall he supply to the state any
7 labor or material for construction, maintenance or repair
8 work upon ways and bridges in which the state is engaged,
9 nor shall he render any professional service for or against
10 any person, firm or corporation engaged in such work, nor
11 shall he be a member of any firm which shall render any
12 such service. No member of said commission shall serve

13 on or under any committee of any political party. Any
14 wilful violation of the provisions of this chapter by any
15 commissioner shall constitute sufficient cause for his re-
16 moval by the governor with the advice and consent of the
17 council.

The attorney general shall without additional compensa-
2 tion give the commission such advice and service as its at-
3 torney as it may from time to time require.

The commission shall be furnished with suitable offices
2 at the seat of government, and shall perform all the du-
3 ties and may exercise all the powers expressly or impliedly
4 given by this chapter and by the act entitled, "An Act Rela-
5 tive to Motor Vehicles and the Law of the Road, and to
6 Revise and Amend Chapter Twenty-six of the Revised
7 Statutes and Acts Amendatory Thereof and Additional
8 Thereto." The commission shall make an annual report
9 to the governor and council of its doings and expenditures,
10 with such statement relative to the construction and main-
11 tenance of public highways and bridges and such recom-
12 mendations as to the general policy of the state relative
13 thereto as it considers appropriate. The report shall be
14 transmitted to the secretary of state on or before the thirty-
15 first day of December in each year. The commission shall
16 have full power to enforce all contracts made by the present
17 state highway commission, both at law and in equity.

Sect. 2. Section four of chapter twenty-five of the re-
2 vised statutes is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

“The commission shall select, with the approval of the
2 governor and council, such engineers, supervisors, assistants
3 and help as may be necessary in the administration and
4 execution of this chapter. All salaries for persons employed
5 by the commission shall be fixed by said commission, and
6 all employees shall serve during the pleasure of the com-
7 mission. All salaries and expenses contemplated by this
8 section shall be paid from the fund for maintenance and
9 administration.’

Sect. 3. Section thirty-four of chapter one hundred and
2 seventeen of the revised statutes is hereby amended so as
3 to read as follows:

“The annual salary of each member of the state highway
2 commission shall be, for the chairman five thousand dol-
3 lars; for each other member four thousand five hundred dol-
4 lars. They shall also receive their actual expenses incurred
5 in the performance of their official duties while absent from
6 the seat of government.’