

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 92

In Senate, March 1, 1921.

Reported by Mr. Baxter from Committee on Ways and Bridges, and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Enable the Towns of Dixfield and Pérú, in the County of Oxford, to Free to Dixfield and Peru Toll Bridge to Public Travel.

Preamble. Whereas, the Dixfield and Peru toll bridge, connecting the southerly part of the town of Mexico with the town of Peru, and used by the traveling public of the eastern part of the county of Oxford, is owned by the Dixfield and Peru Bridge Company, and whereas, the said Dixfield and Peru Bridge Company is willing to sell said bridge for the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, providing that by such sale said bridge may become a free bridge for public travel, and whereas, said bridge does not come within the provisions of chapter

three hundred and nineteen of the public laws of nineteen hundred and fifteen, and acts amendatory thereof, therefore,

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

Section 1. Transfer authorized. The municipal officers
2 of the town of Dixfield are hereby authorized, empowered
3 and directed to purchase the toll bridge owned by the Dix-
4 field and Peru Bridge Company for the purpose of making
5 the same a free bridge.

Sect. 2. State's apportionment. For the purpose of aid-
2 ing in the purchase of said bridge, the sum of eight thou-
3 sand seven hundred and fifty dollars is hereby appropri-
4 ated, said sum to be taken from the funds of the Maine
5 state highway commission, and to be paid to the treasurer
6 of the town of Dixfield as hereinafter directed.

Sect. 3. County's apportionment. For the above de-
2 scribed use of said bridge, and for the purpose of aiding in
3 the purchase of said bridge, the county of Oxford shall
4 pay to the treasurer of the town of Dixfield the sum of
5 eight thousand five hundred dollars.

Sect. 4. Peru's apportionment. For the above described
2 use of said bridge, and for the purpose of aiding in the
3 purchase of said bridge, the town of Peru shall pay to the
4 treasurer of the town of Dixfield the sum of two thousand
5 dollars.

Sect. 5. Dixfield's apportionment. For the above de-
2 scribed use of said bridge, and for the purpose of aiding
3 in the purchase of said bridge, the town of Dixfield shall

4 pay the sum of five thousand seven hundred and fifty dol-
5 lars.

Sect. 6. Temporary loan authorized, payments to be made
2 on or before September 1, 1921. In order to carry out the
3 provisions of this act, the county commissioners of Oxford
4 county and the municipal officers of the towns of Dixfield
5 and Peru are hereby authorized and directed to borrow
6 money temporarily and to issue therefor interest-bearing
7 negotiable notes of the county of Oxford and said towns
8 of Dixfield and Peru. All sums of money mentioned in
9 this act shall be paid to the treasurer of the town of Dix-
10 field on or before September first, nineteen hundred and
11 twenty-one. In case the said county or either of said towns
12 neglects or refuses to pay to the treasurer of said town of
13 Dixfield, the sum or sums of money due and payable under
14 the provisions of this act, then the state treasurer may out
15 of any funds in the state treasury due said county or towns
16 pay such sum as may be due from said county or towns
17 and deduct the amount so paid from any such sum in the
18 state treasury due said county or towns.

Sect. 7. After said bridge has been made a free bridge,
2 the cost of maintenance and up-keep of said bridge shall
3 be borne by the towns of Dixfield, Peru and Mexico in the
4 following proportions: One-half by the town of Dixfield,
5 one-fourth by the town of Peru, and one-fourth by the
6 town of Mexico.