

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 240

House of Representatives, March 2, 1923.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Granville of Parsonsfield.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Define and Fix the Order of Preference in Which
State Aid Highway Construction Funds Shall Be Appor-
tioned to Towns under Existing Law.

EMERGENCY PREAMBLE. Whereas, certain inequali-
ties and conflicts exist in the present laws relative to the
apportionment of state aid highway construction funds, and

Whereas, under such existing laws neither the state nor the
several towns in the state which may appropriate money for
the year nineteen hundred twenty-three for state aid highway
construction, can seasonably determine how much state aid
such towns will receive until it is too late to begin and com-

plete highway construction urgently needed within said towns,
and

Whereas, a correction of these existing conditions is urgently
needed, and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts
create an emergency within the meaning of section sixteen of
article thirty-one of the constitution of the state of Maine and
require the following legislation as immediately necessary for
the preservation of the public peace, health and safety :

Now therefore be it enacted by the People of the State of
Maine, as follows :

Section 1. The apportionment of all funds appropriated
2 by the state under the provisions of general law for the
3 construction of state aid highways shall be made by the
4 state highway commission to the several towns applying
5 for such state aid funds in the manner provided by statute,
6 in the following order of precedence: First, to provide for
7 apportionments made under section twenty of chapter
8 twenty-five of the revised statutes as amended by section
9 four of chapter two hundred fifty-eight of the public laws
10 of nineteen hundred seventeen; second, to provide for ap-
11 portionments made under the provisions of section twenty-
12 one of chapter twenty-five of the revised statutes as amend-
13 ed by section five of chapter two hundred fifty-eight of the
14 public laws of nineteen hundred seventeen; third, to pro-
15 vide the apportionment necessary to comply with the pro-
16 visions of chapter one hundred fifty-four of the public

17 laws of nineteen hundred seventeen as amended by chapter
18 one hundred fifty-seven of the public laws of nineteen
19 hundred nineteen, for the construction of state aid highways
20 extending through three or more towns.

Sect. 2. Any such funds remaining after the apportion-
2 ment as above provided shall be carried over to the state
3 aid highway fund for a succeeding year and shall be used
4 for the construction of state aid highways.

Sect. 3. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble,
2 this act shall take effect when approved.