

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 272

House of Representatives, March 6, 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. Ramsdell of Milo.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend Section Six of Chapter Twenty-five of the Revised Statutes, as Amended by Chapter Two Hundred Fifty-eight, Public Laws of 1917, and by Chapter Two Hundred Fifteen, Public Laws of 1921, Relating to Authority in General of the State Highway Commission.

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

Section six of chapter twenty-five of the revised statutes
2 as amended by section one of chapter two hundred fifty-
3 eight of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen,
4 and by section one of chapter two hundred and fifteen of
5 the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-one, is
6 hereby further amended by adding after the words "public

7 highways” in the fifteenth and sixteenth lines of said sec-
8 tion the following: ‘bridges and other structures,’ so that
9 said section as amended shall read as follows:

‘Sect. 6. The commission may from time to time make
2 and shall enforce rules and regulations relating to con-
3 struction and maintenance of all state and state aid high-
4 ways and relating to the manner of conducting all investi-
5 gations and hearings and the administration of its office,
6 powers and duties, subject to the provisions of this chapter;
7 and shall, with the approval of the governor and council,
8 direct the expenditure of all moneys for construction and
9 maintenance of all state and state aid highways. The
10 commission may from time to time purchase, lease or hire
11 all machinery, tools, implements and property necessary
12 for highway engineering and construction and for the
13 administration and execution of its duties, and may con-
14 tract for such labor, materials and property as it may
15 deem necessary for the examination, building and con-
16 struction of state and state aid highways. The commission
17 may be consulted by and shall without charge advise mu-
18 nicipal officers and road commissioners on the subject of
19 construction and maintenance of public highways, bridges
20 and other structures. On all state and state aid highways
21 all guide posts shall be of such reasonable form, height
22 and design as the commission shall designate. When-
23 ever it becomes necessary to close a state highway to
24 travel on account of construction, before such state highway

25 is closed the commission shall establish the most practical
26 detour road around the state highway to be constructed,
27 have the same properly signed at all intersecting roads or
28 streets indicating the principal town or city in either direc-
29 tion and cause the detour road to be put in proper condition
30 to withstand the travel and maintained in such condition
31 until the state highway being constructed is open to travel.
32 If the commission neglects to so sign, establish or maintain
33 such detour road the same shall be done by order of the
34 governor and council. Whenever practicable the travel
35 shall be permitted to pass over a state highway under
36 construction and the commission shall then cause to be
37 erected the following sign at either end of the construction
38 work: "State road under construction. Pass at your risk.
39 Maine State Highway Commission." Upon completion of
40 the state highway the commission shall cause the immedi-
41 ate removal of all such signs as also all detour signs. In
42 all state and state aid highway construction and main-
43 tenance the commission shall have the powers of mu-
44 nicipal officers conferred by section twenty-six of chapter
45 twenty-two of the revised statutes relating to construction
46 and maintenance of ditches and drains, and the powers
47 conferred upon municipal officers and road commissioners
48 by section one hundred and four of chapter twenty-four of
49 the revised statutes as hereby amended. The commission
50 shall whenever practicable give preference in employment
51 to the inhabitants of the town in which such highways are
52 located.'