

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE**

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**HOUSE**

**NO. 465**

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In House of Representatives, March 26, 1923.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Granville of Parsonsfield.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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

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**AN ACT Additional to Chapter Twenty-four, Revised Statutes, Relating to Highways.**

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

Chapter twenty-four of the revised statutes is hereby  
2 amended by adding thereto a section to be numbered sec-  
3 tion one hundred thirty, to read as follows:

'Sect. 130. The municipal officers of any city, town or  
2 plantation or any seven legal voters in any such city, town  
3 or plantation may, before the first day of December in any  
4 year, petition the county commissioners of the county in  
5 which such city, town or plantation is located, setting forth  
6 that any road or roads in such city, town or plantation are

7 so located with reference to population, use and travel  
8 thereon, that it is unnecessary to keep said road or roads  
9 broken out and open for travel during the months of Jan-  
10 uary, February and March following, or any part of such  
11 months and praying said commissioners after notice and  
12 hearing on such petition to decide whether such road or  
13 roads shall be kept open or closed during such period or  
14 part thereof.

“The county commissioners upon receipt of such petition  
2 shall fix a time and place in said city, town or plantation  
3 for a public hearing thereon and shall give notice thereof  
4 by causing attested copies of such petition and order of  
5 notice thereon to be posted in two public places in such city,  
6 town or plantation and published in some newspaper printed  
7 in the county at least seven days before the time of such  
8 hearing. The commissioners at the time and place fixed  
9 by such notice shall hear and consider such evidence as  
10 may be offered as to the necessity of closing such road or  
11 roads to travel or directing that such road or roads be not  
12 broken out during such period, and if satisfied of the neces-  
13 sity thereof, they may make such orders relating thereto  
14 as in their judgment the facts warrant.

‘Any road or roads closed or in regard to which the county  
2 commissioners have made an order as to their use shall be  
3 marked by notices posted at both ends thereof showing in  
4 substance such order or regulation, which notices shall be  
5 signed by the county commissioners.

“The order of the county commissioners after proceedings  
2 under this section shall relieve such city, town or planta-  
3 tion of any obligation to keep said road or roads open or  
4 broken out during the period fixed by such order.”