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NEW DRAFT

EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 493

House of Representatives, March 29, 1923.

Reported by Mr. Story from Committee on Ways and
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CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Withdraw from "The Contingent Fund" the Sum
of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars, and to Transfer the same
Sum to the Fund for Construction of State Aid Highways,
and to Amend Section Eighty-seven of Chapter Two of the
Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter Ninety-six of the
Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-one accord-
ingly.

Whereas under the provisions of existing law there are not
available for construction of state aid highways sufficient state
funds to meet the reasonable requirements and requests of
towns applying for such state aid highway construction and
appropriating town money therefor as provided by statute;

And whereas such state funds cannot be obtained and such joint road constructions cannot be adequately carried on except by the immediate passage of this act; but will be delayed and denied many of said towns in whole or in part;

And whereas by reason of the foregoing facts the immediate passage of this act is necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety and in the judgment of the legislature constitutes an emergency measure within the meaning of the constitution, now therefore

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

Section 1. The sum of five hundred thousand dollars is
2 hereby withdrawn from the State Contingent Fund, created
3 under the provision of section eighty-five of chapter
4 two of the revised statutes, as shall exist when this
5 act becomes law, and said sum is hereby appropriated for,
6 transferred to and made a part of the fund provided by
7 statute for the construction of state aid highways in addition
8 to said state aid highway fund, and shall be expended for
9 the construction of state aid highways in accordance with
10 the provisions of statute pertaining to said state aid high-
11 way construction.

Sect. 2. Section eighty-seven of chapter two of the re-
2 vised statutes, as amended by chapter ninety-six of the
3 public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-one, is hereby
4 amended by inserting after the word "provision" in the fifth
5 line of said section the following words: "To withdraw
6 from said fund any sums which the legislature shall order

7 withdrawn, transferred, and appropriated to the fund for
8 highway construction or maintenance,' so that said section
9 shall read as follows:

'Sect. 87. Warrants may be drawn upon, charged to and
2 paid out of said fund, to pay outstanding bills or accounts
3 that were properly chargeable to the several appropriations
4 previous to the first day of July of each year; to pay out-
5 standing bills necessarily contracted by state departments
6 or state institutions for which the legislature failed to make
7 sufficient provision, to withdraw from said fund any sums
8 of money which the legislature shall order withdrawn,
9 transferred and appropriated to the fund for highway con-
10 struction or maintenance, and to pay such other expenses
11 as may be necessarily incurred under any requirement of
12 law or for the maintenance of government, and which the
13 governor, with the advice and consent of the council, shall
14 authorize; provided, however, that no payment shall be made
15 from this fund, except as above provided, unless some
16 emergency shall arise requiring an expenditure of money
17 not provided for by the legislature.'

Sect. 3. Warrants shall be drawn upon said contingent
2 fund for the purpose of withdrawing said sum as provided
3 in section one of this act and transferring it to said high-
4 way purposes, supported by proper vouchers in the manner
5 now provided by statute.

Sect. 4. In view of the emergency set forth in the pre-
2 amble this act shall take effect when approved.