

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY - THIRD LEGISLATURE

Senate Document

No. 224

S. P. 482

In Senate, March 10, 1927.

Referred to Committee on Public Utilities and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Dunbar of Hancock.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to Laying Out of Highways for the Purpose
of Diverting Traffic from Grade Crossings.

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

Section 1. Where a public way or public ways, at grade,
2 cross a railroad twice or are crossed by the same railroad
3 twice, and such crossings are a substantial distance apart,
4 the state highway commission, if in its judgment public
5 safety and convenience require the laying out of a highway
6 from some point near one of such crossings thence running
7 substantially along the side of such railroad to a point near
8 the second crossing of the same railroad by the same or
9 other public way and intersecting therewith so that public
10 travel to a substantial degree may be diverted to such new

11 highway, may lay out and construct such new diverting
12 way, and land may be taken and damages awarded as pro-
13 vided for laying out other highways.

Sect. 2. If in the judgment of the public utilities com-
2 mission such highway does or will divert a substantial
3 amount of traffic from the said two railroad crossings, said
4 public utilities commission may on petition of the state
5 highway commission apportion between the state and the
6 corporation owning or operating the railroad the cost of
7 constructing said diverting way including damages, in the
8 following manner: fifty per cent thereof to be paid by the
9 state and fifty per cent by said corporation; but the public
10 utilities commission may approve any agreement between
11 the state highway commission and the railroad corporation
12 ratifying or varying the above percentages.