

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

House Document

No. 207

H. P. 682

House of Representatives, Feb. 5, 1929.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Bridges and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Hawkes of Standish.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Amending Acts Providing for State and County Aid
in the Construction of Highway Bridges.

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

Section two of chapter three hundred nineteen of the public laws of nineteen hundred and fifteen, as amended by section two of chapter three hundred four of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, and by section one of chapter two hundred forty-three of the laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen, and by section two of chapter one hundred ninety-three of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-three, and by section two of chapter one hun-

9 dred fifty-three of the laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-
10 seven, is hereby further amended by adding to section two
11 of said chapter one hundred fifty-three of the public laws
12 of nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, as amended, after
13 the words, "nineteen hundred and twenty-seven" in the
14 thirty-seventh line of said section, the following words:

'Provided, however, that whenever there is rebuilt under
2 this act any bridge upon a state highway lying in whole or
3 in part in a town of twenty-five hundred (2500) inhabitants
4 or less, the original construction of which or the part there-
5 of lying in said town shall have been paid for by said town,
6 the county wherein said bridge is located shall pay the part
7 thereof now paid by said county hereunder, and the state
8 the balance,' so that said section, as amended, shall read
9 as follows:

'Sect. 2. The cost of construction of a bridge built or
2 rebuilt under the provisions of this act shall be divided as
3 follows: When the cost of said construction makes a tax
4 rate of five mills or less on the valuation of the town last
5 made by the board of state assessors, forty-five per cent
6 by the town, thirty per cent by the county in which said
7 town is located and twenty-five per cent by the state; when
8 the tax rate determined as above is ten mills the cost shall
9 be borne as follows: forty per cent by the town, thirty per
10 cent by the county and thirty per cent by the state; when
11 the tax rate determined as above is fifteen mills the cost
12 shall be borne as follows: thirty-five per cent by the town,

13 thirty per cent by the county, and thirty-five per cent by
14 the state; when the tax rate determined as above is twenty
15 mills the cost shall be borne as follows: thirty per cent by
16 the town, thirty per cent by the county, and forty per cent
17 by the state; when the tax rate determined as above is thirty
18 mills the cost shall be borne as follows: twenty-five per cent
19 by the town, thirty per cent by the county and forty-five
20 per cent by the state; when the tax rate determined as above
21 is forty mills the cost shall be borne as follows: twenty per
22 cent by the town, thirty per cent by the county and fifty
23 per cent by the state; when the tax rate determined as above
24 is sixty mills the cost shall be borne as follows; fifteen per
25 cent by the town, thirty per cent by the county and fifty-five
26 per cent by the state; when the tax rate determined as above
27 is eighty mills the cost shall be borne as follows: twelve
28 per cent by the town, thirty per cent by the county and
29 fifty-eight per cent by the state; when the tax rate deter-
30 mined as above is one hundred mills the cost shall be borne
31 as follows: ten per cent by the town, thirty per cent by
32 the county, and sixty per cent by the state. For intermed-
33 iate tax rates the percentage of cost to be borne by the town
34 and state shall be proportional, computed to the nearest
35 tenth of one per cent. When the tax rate determined as
36 above is over one hundred mills the town shall pay a fixed
37 sum, equivalent to one per cent of its state valuation, the
38 county thirty per cent of the cost of construction, and the
39 state the balance. The cost of reconstruction of a bridge

40 owned and maintained wholly by the county, but located
41 in a town or organized plantation, shall be borne as follows:
42 fifty per cent by the county and fifty per cent by the state.
43 The division of cost herein provided shall apply to all
44 bridges, the construction of which under the provisions of
45 this act is begun after January fifteenth, nineteen hundred
46 and twenty-seven.

‘Provided, however, that whenever there is rebuilt under
2 this act any bridge upon a state highway lying in whole or
3 in part in a town of twenty-five hundred (2500) inhabitants
4 or less, the original construction of which or the part there-
5 of lying in said town, shall have been paid for by said town,
6 the county wherein said bridge is located shall pay the part
7 thereof now paid by said county hereunder, and the state
8 the balance.

‘In the event of two or more bridges being built or rebuilt
2 simultaneously or practically so, in the same town, then the
3 total cost of the construction of these bridges shall be made
4 the basis for computing the tax rate used in determining
5 the apportionments of cost to be borne by the state and the
6 town. The cost of construction shall include the complete
7 cost of the bridge proper, and such embankments, surfacing
8 and other work as is necessary to provide proper, adequate,
9 and safe approaches to the bridge; the maintenance of
10 traffic by temporary detours and structures whenever exist-
11 ing highways cannot satisfactorily be used for such service;
12 and such charges for engineering, advertising and inspection

13 as may be incurred in the preliminary and actual construc-
14 tion phases of the work.

‘Unless otherwise expressed or implied, wherever the word
2 “town” occurs in this act, it shall be construed as including
3 towns, cities and plantations, as provided in section six of
4 chapter one of the revised statutes.’