

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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**House Document**

**No. 594**

H. P. 1596      House of Representatives, March 1, 1929.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Sterling of Kittery.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT Relating to the Acquisition of the Eliot Bridge,  
So-called.

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

Section 1. The state highway commission for the state  
2 of Maine in conjunction with the highway commissioner  
3 for the state of New Hampshire, between which states a  
4 toll bridge exists known as the Eliot bridge, said bridge ex-  
5 tending from Dover in said state of New Hampshire to  
6 South Berwick in the state of Maine, is hereby authorized  
7 on and in behalf of said state of Maine, to receive a con-  
8 veyance of one-half of or so much of said Eliot bridge as  
9 lies within the state of Maine and to maintain said bridge

10 as a public highway on the same terms, and of the same  
11 right and liability as are provided for the maintenance of  
12 state highways.

Sect. 2. If the owners of said bridge and said state high-  
2 way commission of said state of Maine, and said highway  
3 commissioner of the state of New Hampshire cannot agree  
4 upon a fair valuation for the same, then said state high-  
5 way commission of Maine may petition the supreme judi-  
6 cial court in any county to have the value of that part of  
7 said bridge, lying within said state of Maine, ascertained  
8 and determined in the same manner as in the taking of  
9 lands for public highways, and persons and corporations  
10 aggrieved shall have the same right of appeal as is now pro-  
11 vided in the laying out of highways.

Sect. 3. The said state highway commission for the state  
2 of Maine, with the approval of the governor and council,  
3 is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the  
4 highway commissioner of the state of New Hampshire, for  
5 the maintenance, repair, improvement and upkeep of said  
6 bridge.

Sect. 4. That a sum, not exceeding eight thousand dol-  
2 lars may be expended by said state highway commission of  
3 the state of Maine for the purchase of said bridge or fran-  
4 chise of said Dover and Eliot Bridge Company; said money,  
5 or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be expended  
6 under the supervision of the governor and council; and  
7 the governor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant for

8 the payment of the same on the treasurer. The amount  
9 to be expended in the purchase of said franchise or bridge  
10 shall not exceed one-half of the total purchase price of  
11 the entire bridge.

Sect. 5. This act shall take effect when the highway com-  
2 missioner of the state of New Hampshire is empowered  
3 by that state to take similar action.