

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

House Document

No. 610

H. P. 1598 House of Representatives, March 1, 1929.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich of Topsham tabled pending reference to a committee and 500 copies ordered printed.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Gillespie of Meddybemps.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Establish a State Highway Commission with a
Full Time Chairman.

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

Section 1. Section three of chapter twenty-five of the
2 revised statutes as amended is hereby further amended by
3 striking out all of said section and substituting in lieu there-
4 of the following:

'Sect. 3. The state highway commission shall consist of
2 a chairman and two associate members appointed by the
3 governor with the advice and consent of the council, for
4 terms of three years except that in the appointments to be
5 made upon the passage of this act the term of one of the

6 associate members shall be made for one year only and the
7 term of the other associate member for two years only.
8 The chairman of said commission shall devote his entire
9 time to the duties of his office. The associate members of
10 such commission shall devote to the duties of their office
11 such time as may be required of them by the chairman.
12 Vacancies occurring during the term shall be filled for the
13 unexpired term. The attorney general shall be the attorney
14 for the commission and shall without additional compensa-
15 tion give the commission such advice and service as it may
16 from time to time require. The commission shall be fur-
17 nished with suitable offices at the seat of the government,
18 and shall perform all the duties and may exercise all the
19 powers expressly or impliedly given by this chapter. They
20 shall make an annual report to the governor and council of
21 their doings and the expenditures of their office, with such
22 statement relative to the construction and maintenance of
23 public highways and such recommendations as to the general
24 policy of the state relative thereto as they consider appro-
25 priate. The report shall be transmitted to the secretary of
26 state on or before the thirty-first day of December, in each
27 year.'

Sect. 2. Section six of said chapter twenty-five is hereby
2 amended by inserting therein at the end of the first sentence
3 thereof a second sentence to read as follows:

'Sect. 6. The commission may delegate any of its engi-
2 neers or other employees to serve as the state highway com-

3 mission for the purpose of any hearing or action required
4 by law of said commission.'

Sect. 3. Section thirty-four of chapter one hundred and
2 seventeen of the revised statutes is hereby amended by
3 striking out all of said section and substituting in lieu there-
4 of the following:

'Sect. 34. The annual salary of the chairman of the state
2 highway commission shall be fixed by the governor and
3 council but shall not exceed the sum of seven thousand dol-
4 lars. The annual salary of the associate members shall be
5 two thousand dollars. They shall also receive their actual
6 expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties'

Sect. 4. Said commission when appointed and qualified
2 under this act shall succeed to all the rights and powers and
3 perform all the duties of the present state highway com-
4 mission which is hereby abolished.