

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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Tabled by Senator Minott of Cumberland pending reference and 500 copies ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Minott of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Create a Commissioner of Highways.

Whereas, the people of the state of Maine are demanding a continuation of the road building program of the state regardless of the outcome of the investigation of the present state highway commission now pending before this legislature, and,

Whereas, the state is facing an interruption of that program, and the loss of large amounts of money available from the government of the United States for the purpose of aiding the state in that program unless it creates some commission or other body without delay, and,

Whereas, these facts render the passage of this act immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace,

health and safety and in the opinion of the legislature constitute an emergency within the meaning of the constitution;

Now, therefore,

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

Section 1. The governor, with the advice and consent of
2 the council, shall appoint a state highway commissioner,
3 who shall continue in office during the pleasure of the gov-
4 ernor; vacancies shall be filled by a new appointment for
5 a like term.

Sect. 2. When appointed and qualified under this act, the
2 commissioner shall succeed to and exercise all the rights
3 and powers of the present state highway commission, or
4 any member thereof, expressly or impliedly given by this
5 act, and shall perform all the duties of said state highway
6 commission, which commission is hereby abolished.

Sect. 3. The commissioner may, from time to time, dele-
2 gate as his deputy one or more persons in his employ to
3 conduct hearings as provided by section fourteen of chap-
4 ter twenty-five of the revised statutes, and to perform other
5 duties required by law of said commissioner.

Sect. 4. Whenever in any statute the words "state high-
2 way commission" or the word "commission" appears, the
3 words "state highway commissioner" or the word "com-
4 missioner" shall be appropriately substituted, used and con-
5 strued as meaning the state highway commissioner.

Sect. 5. The salary of the state highway commissioner
2 shall be fixed by the governor, with the advice and consent

3 of the council, at not less than eight thousand dollars nor
4 more than fifteen thousand dollars per year. He shall also
5 be paid his necessary expenses when engaged in his official
6 business.

Sect. 6. Chapter twenty-five of the revised statutes, as
2 amended by chapter two hundred and fifty-eight of the pub-
3 lic laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, is hereby
4 amended by striking out in the sixth line thereof, after the
5 word "shall," the following words: "with the approval of
6 the governor and council"; also by striking out in the
7 twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth lines of section ten of said
8 chapter, as amended, the words "with the approval of the
9 governor and council."

Sect. 7. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble
2 hereof, this act shall take effect when approved.