

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 131

In Senate, Jan. 27, 1931.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Boulter of York.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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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 of Maine in conjunction with the highway commissioner for the state of New Hampshire, or the city of Dover, New Hampshire, between which states a toll bridge exists known as the Eliot bridge, said bridge extending from Dover in said state of New Hampshire to South Berwick in the state of Maine, is hereby authorized on and in behalf of said state of Maine, to receive a conveyance of one-half of or so much of said Eliot bridge as lies within the state of Maine and to maintain said bridge as a public highway on the same terms, and of the same right and liability as are provided for the maintenance of state highways.

Sect. 2. If the owners of said bridge and said state highway commission of said state of Maine, and said highway commissioner of the state of New Hampshire, or the city of Dover, New Hampshire, cannot agree upon a fair valuation for the same, then said state highway commission of Maine may petition the supreme judicial court in any county to have the value of that part of said bridge, lying within said state of Maine, ascertained and determined in the same manner as in

the taking of lands for public highways, and persons and corporations aggrieved shall have the same right of appeal as is now provided in the laying out of highways.

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

Sect. 4. That a sum, not exceeding ten thousand dollars may be expended by said state highway commission of the state of Maine for the purchase of said bridge or franchise of said Dover and Eliot Bridge Company; said money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be expended under the supervision of the governor and council; and the governor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant for the payment of the same on the treasurer. The amount to be expended in the purchase of said franchise or bridge shall not exceed one-half of the total purchase price of the entire bridge.

Sect. 5. This act shall take effect when the highway commissioner of the state of New Hampshire, or the city of Dover, New Hampshire, is empowered by that state to take similar action.