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S. P. 602

In Senate, March 26, 1931.

Reported by Senator Leland from Committee on Ways and Bridges and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

New Draft of S. P. 131, L. D. 112.

STATE OF MAINE

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

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

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.

Sec. 2. If the owners of said bridge and said 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 shall take that part of said bridge lying within the state of Maine for

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public uses by right of eminent domain in the manner provided by law in the case of land taken for laying out and the construction of highways.

Sec. 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.

Sec. 4. 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, or for the payment of the value thereof as found in eminent domain proceedings as aforesaid. Said money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall 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 sum on the treasurer of state. Said sum to be paid from the portion of the proceeds of the gasoline tax applicable by section eighty-six of chapter twelve of the revised statutes for the maintenance of state and state aid highways, interstate, intrastate and international bridges.

Sec. 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.