

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 244

S. P. 162

In Senate, February 3, 1937.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Hussey of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Aid to Libraries, Expenses of State Historian, Compensation and Expenses of Geologist, Topographic Mapping, and Abolishment of Grade Crossings.

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

Sec. 1. State aid to libraries suspended. Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, for a period of 2 years from the date of approval of this act, towns entitled to receive from the treasurer of state, state aid to libraries under the provisions of section 25 of chapter 4 of the revised statutes shall receive the following enumerated percentages of their appropriation for the purpose of securing free use of libraries to their inhabitants:

To towns appropriating \$475 or less, 10% ;

To towns appropriating from \$475 to \$1900, 7% ;

To towns appropriating from \$1900 to \$5000, 4%.

Sec. 2. State historian's expenses suspended. For a period of 2 years from the date of the approval of this act, none of the actual cash expenses of the state historian shall be paid from the state treasury as provided for in section 6 of chapter 3 of the revised statutes.

Sec. 3. State geologist's expenses suspended. For a period of 2 years from the date of approval of this act, the state shall pay no compensation to, nor any of the expenses of the geologist as provided for in section 53 of chapter 49 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 250 of the public laws of 1931.

Sec. 4. Topographic mapping suspended. For a period of 2 years from the date of approval of this act, there shall be no appropriation made for the topographic mapping of the state as provided in sections 21 and 22 of chapter 2 of the revised statutes.

Sec. 5. Appropriation for abolishment of grade crossings suspended. For a period of 2 years from the date of approval of this act, the state shall make no appropriations and no expenditures under the provisions of sections 39 to 42 inclusive, of chapter 27 of the revised statutes as amended by section 2 of chapter 266 of the public laws of 1931, regarding the abolishment of grade crossings on state aid and third class highways. Provided, however, if federal funds shall be made available to the state for the abolishment or alteration of railroad and highway crossings on state aid and third class highways, the state highway commission is authorized to use general highway funds for surveys, plans, land damage, and other items of cost, for which federal funds cannot be used.