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H. P. 1215

House of Representatives, February 7, 1939.

Referred to Committee on Taxation. Sent up for concurrence and 500 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Hinman of Skowhegan.

S T A T E O F M A I N E

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Roads in Unincorporated Places

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

R. S., c. 13, § 56, amended. Section 56 of chapter 13 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 216 of the public laws of 1933, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

‘Sec. 56. Commissioners annually to inspect county roads, state and state aid highways in unincorporated places; assessments for repairs; agent to be appointed to superintend the repair of roads. Said county commissioners in **September** or October annually, by one or more of their board, shall make an inspection of all county roads, state and state aid highways and other roads originally located as town roads in the unincorporated townships and tracts of land in their counties and shall thereupon make an estimate of the amount needed for repairs, **cutting bushes,** maintenance, snow removal and improvements, so as to comply with the provisions of the state highway laws, and to otherwise make them safe and convenient for public travel for the following year and assess thereon not exceeding 2% of the valuation thereof, and shall assess on the county the balance of said amount if said amount of 2% is not sufficient to properly comply with the above requirements; and they shall make as many divisions as are equitable, conforming as nearly as is convenient to

known divisions and separate ownerships, for the purpose of assessing not exceeding said 2% of the value thereof on the land owners, and shall assess upon each a sum proportionate to the value thereof as evidenced by the last Maine state valuation; and cause so much thereof as they deem necessary for the purpose aforesaid, to be expended on said roads within 1 year from the date of assessment, which assessment shall create a lien thereon for the payment thereof. They shall make such assessment not later than April 1st of the following year and **lists of said road repair taxes shall immediately be certified and transmitted by the county treasurer to the treasurer of the state, to be by him collected and remitted to the county, in the same manner as provided for the county tax, provided however, that the treasurer of state shall, when remitting to the county, remit the road repair tax and county tax in separate amounts and designate the amount of tax collected from each township. Collection of said road repair taxes shall be enforced in the same manner as provided for the enforcement of collection of county taxes,** at the same time appoint an agent or agents, skilled in road building, not members of their board, to superintend the expenditure thereof, who shall give bonds as provided in section 54; and they shall publish a list of townships and tracts of land so assessed, with the sums so assessed on each, and the roads on which it is to be expended, in some paper printed in the county where the lands lie, 3 weeks successively, the last publication to be within 3 months from the date of the assessment.'