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H. P. 1467

Hous of Representatives, February 9, 1939.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Jewett of Ripley.

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

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-NINE

AN ACT Relative to the Opening of Ways by County Commissioners.

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

R. S., c. 27, § 51, amended. Section 51 of chapter 27 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 51. Commissioners may cause highways to be opened when towns neglect; payment of expenses; not applicable to third class highways. When a town way or highway is not opened and made passible by the town liable, or a hill therein has not been graded, within the time prescribed therefor by the commissioners, they may, after notice to the town, cause it to be done by an agent, not one of themselves, on petition of those interested. The agent shall make a written contract therefor and file a copy of it in the clerk's office; and the commissioners shall forthwith certify to the assessors of the town interested, the time when such contract is to be completed, and the amount to be paid therefor. They may examine the doings of their agent, and at pleasure remove him and appoint another. His account shall not be allowed without notice to the town. When the contract has been completed and the accounts allowed, the town shall pay the amount expended, with the expenses of the agent for superintendence,

and for procuring the allowance of his account. If the town neglects to pay for 30 days, a warrant of distress shall be issued by the commissioners to collect the same, **provided, that this section shall not apply to third class highways.'**