

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NINETY - SECOND L E G I S L A T U R E

Legislative Document

No. 96

H. P. 50

House of Representatives, January 16, 1945.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Lackee of Addison.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-FIVE

**AN ACT to Make Allocations from the General Highway Fund for the
Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1946 and June 30, 1947.**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves passed by the legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the said 90-day period will not terminate until after the beginning of the next fiscal year; and

Whereas, certain obligations and expenses incident to the operation of the highway commission will become due and payable on or immediately after July 1, 1945; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of section 16 of Article XXXI of the constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Allocation of general highway fund. The general highway fund shall be allocated for the next two fiscal years—from July 1, 1945 to June 30, 1946,

and from July 1, 1946 to June 30, 1947—as designated in the following tabulations.

Should it appear that after providing for these appropriations that, either from current revenues or from unappropriated surplus of the highway fund, there will be monies available in excess of those now contemplated, any such excess may be apportioned at the discretion of the state highway commission with the approval of the governor and council for the construction of bridges and for the maintenance of state highways and state aid highways as provided by statute and for extra-administrative costs not anticipated in the budget of any department or agency receiving allocations from the general highway fund. Whenever it may appear to the highway commission that the income received by the state to provide for the apportionment of funds, as provided in this chapter, is less than the amount apportioned for that purpose, the highway commission, with the approval of the governor and with the advice and consent of his council, may curtail or eliminate any or all parts of said apportionments in such manner as will best conserve the general highway fund and permit operation within the available revenues. It shall be the intent of this paragraph that in event such curtailment or elimination is deemed necessary that after retirement of bonds and payment of interest such balance as may be available be first expended for continued maintenance of present roads and bridges before consideration be given to new construction. Investment in normal inventories necessary for highway operations in addition to these allocations is hereby authorized.

Department	1945-46	1946-47
BOND INTEREST	496,700.00	441,428.00
BOND RETIREMENT	1,724,000.00	1,729,000.00
HIGHWAY COMMISSION		
General Administration	177,899.00	178,740.00
Highway Planning Division	16,000.00	16,000.00
Maintenance		
Maintenance of bridges	200,000.00	200,000.00
Maintenance of state and state aid highways	3,700,000.00	4,000,000.00
Removal of snow from highways	1,200,000.00	1,200,000.00
Construction		
Construction of bridges	450,000.00	450,000.00

Miscellaneous

Interest on and retirement of Hancock-Sullivan Bridge bonds in accordance with Chapt. 82 of Private and Special Laws of 1943	6,230.00	5,978.00
Roads on North Haven, Vinalhaven, Swan's Island, Isle au Haut and Cranberry Isle in accordance with Chapt. 99, Private and Special Laws of 1937, and Chapt. 87, Private and Special Laws 1939	4,000.00	4,000.00
Compensation for Injuries	50,000.00	50,000.00
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Total Highway Commission	5,804,129.00	6,104,718.00

STATE POLICE

General Administration	407,814.00	422,123.00
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PUBLIC BUILDINGS, Superintendent of

State Police Headquarters	5,956.00	6,110.00
Automobile Registration Building	11,937.00	9,250.00
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Total Public Buildings	17,893.00	15,360.00

SECRETARY OF STATE

Motor Vehicle Division	204,000.00	216,000.00
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TAXATION, Bureau of

Administration of Gasoline and Use Fuel Tax	18,550.00	18,550.00
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CONTRIBUTIONS AND TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS

To General Fund		
For accounting, auditing, purchasing and legal services	46,358.00	46,280.00
To Special Revenue Funds		
For auditing services	2,475.00	2,475.00
To Public Service Enterprises		
For toll bridge deficits	14,950.00	3,180.00

To Trust and Agency Funds

For Employees' Retirement System ...	95,500.00	96,500.00
Total Contributions and Transfers ..	159,283.00	148,435.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	8,832,369.00	9,095,614.00

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.