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House of Representatives, February 7, 1945.

Referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Peirce of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-FIVE

AN ACT Permitting Assessment of Taxes in Towns for Highway Purposes.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 20, § 25, amended. The first paragraph of section 25 of chapter 20 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘If any town desires state aid, as provided by this chapter, for the building or permanent improvement of one or more of its **state, or** state aid highways, such town may raise and appropriate in addition to the amounts regularly raised and appropriated for the care of ways, highways, and bridges the following amounts on account of which state aid shall be paid:’

Sec. 2.R. S., c. 20, § 26, amended. Section 26 of chapter 20 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘Sec. 26. Location of improvements to continue from year to year until whole improvement accomplished or location changed by request of municipal officers. The location of the improvement of designated state aid highways each year shall be a continuation of the preceding years’ improvement until the entire length of the designated road has been improved or the location changed by the commission upon request of the municipal officers. The municipal officers shall insert in the warrant for each annual town meeting an article calling upon the voters to vote on the question of

the appropriation of money necessary to entitle the town to state aid for state **or state** aid highways for that year in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. If any such town then appropriates money for the purpose of securing state aid as provided in this chapter, the municipal officers shall forthwith notify the commission of the amount as appropriated. The commission shall thereupon finally approve, change, or disapprove such action, in whole or in part, as the appropriation and conditions require and shall notify the municipal officers of its action. Towns failing to comply with the provisions hereof shall not be entitled to state aid for the year when such state aid otherwise would be available under the provisions of this section.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 20, § 27, amended. The last sentence of section 27 of chapter 20 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'The money appropriated by towns applying for state aid as hereinbefore provided, with the amount apportioned by the commission as hereinbefore provided, shall constitute a joint fund for the construction and improvement of state **or state** aid highways in such towns.'

Sec. 4. R. S., c. 20, § 29, amended. Section 29 of chapter 20 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto the following paragraph:

'The provisions of this section shall apply to appropriation made by towns for improvement and construction of state highways under section 25, and to the corresponding apportionments of state aid made under the provisions of section 27, and subject to the provision of section 30.'