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NINETY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FORTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Repairs of Roads in Deorganized Towns.

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

R. S., c. 79, § 62, amended. Section 62 of chapter 79 of the revised statutes, as amended by section 32 of chapter 41, chapter 111, section 64 of chapter 378, all of the public laws of 1945, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 62. **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.** Such 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, **provided that in deorganized towns they may assess thereon not exceeding 3% of the valuation thereof**, and shall assess on the county the balance of such ~~amount~~ amounts if such ~~amount of 2% is~~

amounts are not sufficient to properly comply with the above requirements; and such assessments shall be made upon the total valuation of each unorganized township and lot or parcel of land not included in any township, according to the last state valuation, and shall not exceed 2%, **or 3% in deorganized towns,** of the value thereof on the land-owners; and cause so much thereof, as they deem necessary for the purpose aforesaid, to be expended on said roads within 2 years 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 containing the road repair tax mileage rate and the total amount of such tax assessed upon each unorganized township and lot or parcel of land not included in any township, according to the last state valuation, shall immediately be certified and transmitted by the county treasurer to the state tax assessor. The state tax assessor shall determine the amount of tax due, in accordance with the provisions of section 74-A of chapter 14, and shall include such amounts in the statements referred to in section 77 of chapter 14. The state tax assessor shall collect such taxes and cause them to be remitted to the county treasurer, 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 the road repair tax collected from each township. Collection of such road repair taxes shall be enforced in the same manner as provided for the enforcement of collection of county taxes and interest collected shall be credited to the general fund of the state. The county commissioners at the time the taxes provided for by this section are assessed may 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 60. Provided, however, that in deorganized towns, an assessment may be made of over 2% 3% of the valuation thereof, in which case, the amount over the 2% 3% may be paid by the state out of the general highway fund by agreement between the county commissioners and state highway commission before the assessment is made.'