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In Senate, February 24, 1953.

Referred to Committee on Highways. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Dow of Lincoln.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-THREE

AN ACT to Authorize the Issuance of Bonds in the Amount of Three Hundred and Fifteen Thousand Dollars on Behalf of the State of Maine for the Purpose of Taking Over the Westport-Wiscasset Bridge.

Preamble. Two-thirds of both houses of the legislature deeming it necessary in accordance with section 14 of article IX of the constitution to authorize the issuance of bonds on behalf of the state of Maine for the purpose of taking over the Westport-Wiscasset bridge:

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

Sec. 1. Bond issue of \$315,000 authorized. In addition to bonds heretofore issued in the name and behalf of the state as provided by law, the treasurer of state is hereby authorized, under the direction of the governor and council, to issue from time to time, serial coupon bonds in the name and behalf of the state to an amount not exceeding \$315,000, payable serially at the state treasury at such times and at such rate of interest as may be determined by the said governor and council.

Such bonds and coupons shall be of such denominations and form and upon such terms and conditions, not inconsistent herewith, as the governor and council shall direct. The proceeds from the sale of said bonds

shall be used for the purpose of acquiring the Westport-Wiscasset bridge, so called.

These bonds shall be deemed a pledge of the faith and credit of the state. Said bonds when paid at maturity or otherwise retired shall not be reissued.

Sec. 2. Contract with Westport-Wiscasset Bridge District authorized. The state highway commission is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the Westport-Wiscasset Bridge District for the following purposes: To purchase the Westport-Wiscasset bridge, so called, and to make such agreements as are necessary to insure the operation of the bridge as a toll bridge in the interim. The contract shall provide that the bridge will be turned over to the state after the district's bonds are retired, and that the state will advance from time to time such sums as will be necessary to retire the said bonds, and that the district will call the said bonds as the callable dates permit. The contract may further provide such conditions as to the operation of the bridge and financial aid as the said commissioner may deem advisable.

Sec. 3. Powers of the Westport-Wiscasset Bridge District. In addition to the powers granted heretofore, the Westport-Wiscasset Bridge District is hereby authorized to enter into the contract with the state as provided for in this act.

Sec. 4. Act contingent upon ratification of bond issue. No action shall be taken or liability incurred under this act unless and until the people of Maine shall have ratified the issuance of bonds in behalf of the state as provided for herein.

Sec. 5. Referendum for ratification. The aldermen of cities, the selectmen of towns and the assessors of the several plantations of this state are hereby empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet in the manner prescribed by law for calling and holding biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the election of senators and representatives, at the next general or special state-wide election, to give in their votes upon the acceptance or rejection of the foregoing act, and the question shall be: "Shall a bond issue be ratified for the purposes set forth in 'An Act to Authorize the Issuance of Bonds in the Amount of Three Hundred and Fifteen Thousand Dollars on Behalf of the State of Maine for the Purpose of Taking Over the Westport-Wiscasset Bridge,' passed by the 96th Legislature?"

And the inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations shall indicate

by a cross or check mark placed within a square upon their ballots their opinion of the same, those in favor of said ratification voting "YES" and those opposed to said ratification voting "NO" and the ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings, and return made to the office of the secretary of state in the same manner as votes for governor and members of the legislature, and the governor and council shall count the same and if it shall appear that a majority of the inhabitants voting on the question are in favor of said act, the governor shall forthwith make known the fact by his proclamation, and the act shall thereupon become effective as of the date of said proclamation.

Secretary of state shall prepare ballots. The secretary of state shall prepare and furnish to the several cities, towns and plantations ballots and blank returns in conformity with the foregoing act, accompanied by a copy thereof.