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House of Representatives, February 2, 1955.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Pierce of Bucksport.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Membership and Administration of State Highway Commission.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 23, § 3, amended. Section 3 of chapter 23 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘Sec. 3. Commission; appointment; tenure; choice of Chairman; Attorney General attorney for Commission; annual reports. The State Highway Commission, as heretofore established, shall consist of 3 members to be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Council. One member shall be a member of the political party which cast the 2nd highest number of votes in the last gubernatorial election. ~~One member shall be appointed by the governor as chairman who shall devote each full working day to his duties and whose salary shall be fixed by the governor and council. The term of office of the chairman shall be 7 years, subject only to removal for cause. The members of the Commission shall determine and elect a Chairman, who shall receive \$5,000 per year. The other members of the Commission shall receive \$4,000~~ **\$4,500 per year and all members, including the Chairman, shall be appointed for a term of 3 years and any vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term. Each member of the Commission, except the chairman, shall receive his actual expenses incurred in the performance of his official duties while away from his home. The Attorney General shall be attorney for the Commission and shall, without additional compensation, give the Commission such advice and service as it may from time to time require. The Commission shall be furnished with suitable offices at the seat of government. It shall make an annual report for the fiscal year ending June 30, to the Governor and Council, of its doings and the**

expenditures of its office, with such statement relative to the construction and maintenance of public highways and such recommendations as to the general policy of the state relative thereto as it considers appropriate. ~~The chairman shall be the chief administrative officer, having general charge of the office and records, but all policy decisions of the commission must be by a majority of its total membership.~~

Sec. 2. Intent. It is the intent of the Legislature that this act shall in no way affect the present tenure of office of the present members of the State Highway Commission, except the Chairman.