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**Legislative Document**

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H. P. 624

House of Representatives, February 10, 1955.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Crockett of Freeport.

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### STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-FIVE

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#### **AN ACT Empowering Cumberland County Commissioners to Raise Money for Roads in Pownal.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, the town of Pownal in the County of Cumberland has the lowest valuation of any town in said County; and

Whereas, the 1955 State Valuation shows that the valuation of said town has decreased since the last State valuation, when placed on the same basis; and

Whereas, the cost of maintaining roads and schools in said town has greatly increased; and

Whereas, the decreased valuation of said town and increased expense of maintaining roads and schools in said town place an unreasonable burden on the taxpayers in said town; and

Whereas, the County of Cumberland is well able to render financial assistance to said town without placing an unnecessary burden on other municipalities in the county; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning 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:

**Cumberland County Commissioners authorized to give financial assistance to town of Pownal.** The Commissioners of the County of Cumberland are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to raise by taxation, and to appropriate and

expend on the town ways, county roads, bridges and culverts in said town of Pownal the sum of \$15,000 for each of the calendar years 1955 and 1956. Said money shall be used for new construction and reconstruction of said town ways, county roads, culverts and bridges only, and no part of the same shall be used for ordinary care and maintenance of same. Said money shall be expended under the direction of the Commissioners of the County of Cumberland, with the advice and assistance of the selectmen and road commissioner of the town of Pownal.

The provisions of this act shall not prevent said town from sharing in town road improvement and state aid highway funds distributed by the State Highway Commission.

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