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H. P. 650

House of Representatives, February 15, 1955.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Evans of Cornish.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT Making Second Units of State Aid Available for Town Road Improvement.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, the usual effective date for legislative acts comes after towns have held their annual meetings; and

Whereas, it is necessary for towns to appropriate certain moneys to obtain state aid; and

• Whereas, in order to make the second units of state aid available for town road improvement, the following legislation is necessary and should be enacted before the annual town meetings in 1955 to inform the inhabitants of towns what moneys are necessary for them to appropriate; 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:

**R. S., c. 23, § 55, amended.** Section 55 of chapter 23 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**‘Sec. 55. Joint fund for state aid construction used with town road improvement fund.** If any town desires that the whole or any portion of the joint fund provided in section 44 ~~and~~, 46 ~~and~~ 49 shall be applied to the construction of unimproved state aid, 3rd class or 4th class highways within its boundaries in combination with the town road improvement fund, the same may be so applied

at the discretion of the Commission; and all state aid joint funds so transferred shall be expended in accordance with the provisions of sections 60 to 65, inclusive. Roads constructed under the provisions of this section shall be maintained by the towns.'

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