

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

NINETY - EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 1666

House of Representatives, January 13, 1958

The Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Stanley of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-EIGHT

AN ACT Appropriating Additional Funds for Relocating Facilities in
Federal-Aid Interstate Highway Projects.

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

Sec. 1. P. L., 1957, c. 378, § 2, amended. Section 2 of chapter 378 of the public laws of 1957 is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2. Limitation. The provisions of this act shall apply only to projects in said interstate system for which the contracts are signed prior to June 30, 1959, and at no time during the fiscal year 1957-58 or the fiscal year 1958-59 shall the amount paid from the general fund operating capital for the purposes of this act exceed the amount of the 90% federal funds to be available for projects in said interstate system under the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956 to match a State appropriation of ~~\$12,500~~ \$43,000.'

Sec. 2. P. L., 1957, c. 378, § 3, amended. The first sentence of section 3 of chapter 378 of the public laws of 1957 is amended to read as follows:

'There is hereby appropriated from the General Fund, to be expended under the direction of the State Highway Commission, for the purposes of this act the sum of ~~\$12,500~~ \$43,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1958 and the sum of ~~\$12,500~~ \$43,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1959.'

STATEMENT OF FACTS

At the regular session, the 98th Legislature enacted into law legislation providing for reimbursement to utilities of the cost of relocation of their facilities

when such relocation was necessitated by the construction of the Interstate Highway System.

Sec. 3 of the Act made available for matching purposes the sum of \$12,500 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1958 and the sum of \$12,500 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1959. These amounts represented 10% of the estimated relocation costs for each of the two fiscal years. The balance of 90% Federal funds are available under the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956.

The estimates upon which the appropriations were based were made by the utilities involved, from the information available to the utilities at that time. These estimates have proven to be inaccurate for the following reasons:

- (1) Certain projects now included in the current two year Interstate program of the Highway Commission were not on the list submitted to the utilities in December 1956.
- (2) Federal construction requirements have proven to be more stringent than those of either the Highway Commission or the Maine Turnpike Authority with whom the utilities have had previous experience in relocation of their facilities.
- (3) Specific construction plans were not available for most of the projects at the time the estimates were made.

With the information now available, revised estimates have been made for the two year period by all the utilities involved. In arriving at the original estimates upon which the State's appropriations were based no consideration was given to the utility services of the cities and towns, such as fire or police alarm line, street lighting, sewerage districts, etc. This was an oversight on the part of all concerned and an amendment to the Act to cover this situation will be presented at this special session.

The total amount of matching money now required on the part of the State for all utilities and the cities and towns, amounts to \$43,000 for each of the two fiscal years or an increase over and above the amount presently appropriated of \$30,500 for the fiscal year 1957-58 and the same amount for the fiscal year 1958-59.

To summarize, the total cost estimates of utility relocation work necessitated by the 1957-58 and the 1958-59 Interstate Highway construction program plus the cost estimates of the cities and towns involved for the same program, amounts to \$859,953.72 (a round figure of \$860,000 has been used.) Of this amount, \$774,000 will be provided by the Federal Government and \$86,000 by the State of Maine.

Following is a list of the projects showing the utilities and the cities and towns affected and the amount of each project:

**COST ESTIMATES OF UTILITY RELOCATION WORK
NECESSITATED BY 1958-59 INTERSTATE HIGHWAY
CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM**

PORTLAND - (Tukey Bridge to Cousins River)	
Central Maine Power Company	\$ 60,300
Portland Gas Light Co.	40,000

Portland Water District	174,000
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	113,236
City of Portland	43,300
Yarmouth Water District	19,000
AUGUSTA-WATERVILLE-FAIRFIELD - (Old Winthrop Road, Augusta to Kennebec River, Fairfield)	
Central Maine Power Company	\$ 64,600
Augusta Water District	4,844
City of Augusta (Sewers - work completed)	6,872.72
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	44,364
Sidney Telephone Company	100
Kennebec Water District	20,000
BANGOR	
Bangor Hydro Electric Company	\$ 24,023
Bangor Water District	106,000
City of Bangor	91,500
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	47,814
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TOTAL	\$859,953.72