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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

SEVENTIETH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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namely: sections one to thirty-three, both inclusive; sections forty to forty-six, both inclusive; sections fifty-six, sixty to sixty-six, both inclusive, so far as they relate to sea and shore fisheries; sections sixty-eight, sixty-nine and seventy-three, and all acts amendatory of or additional to any of the foregoing acts or sections; chapter two hundred and eighty-five of the public laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, and all acts or parts of acts additional to or amendatory thereof; and all other acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act, are hereby repealed. But this act shall not be construed as repealing any of the laws relating to inland fish and game.

—Act does not interfere with inland fish and game laws.

Approved March 22, 1901.

Chapter 285.

An Act providing for State Roads and for the improvement thereof.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Towns may establish state roads.

Section 1. Upon the request of the municipal officers of any town, the county commissioners of the county wherein said town is located, shall designate that highway running through said town which in their judgment is the main thoroughfare, and said highway shall be known as a state road.

Towns establishing state roads may receive state aid in improving the same.

Section 2. Towns establishing state roads as aforesaid may, on complying with the conditions hereinafter set forth, receive from the state one-half of the amount actually expended in permanent improvement of said roads, not exceeding one hundred dollars per year; provided that no town shall receive such state aid unless its appropriation and expenditure for such road shall amount to at least one hundred dollars and shall have been exclusive of and in addition to the amount regularly raised in such town for highways and bridges; and provided also, that the amount so expended shall be used before the first day of August in permanent improvement of a continuous portion of said road, and in a manner satisfactory to the county commissioners of the county wherein said road is located. Such aid shall be paid from the state treasury on and after the first day of January, upon certificate by the governor and council as provided by section three.

—when money shall be expended.

—when aid shall be paid.

Municipal officers shall make return to county

Section 3. Municipal officers of towns improving state roads under the foregoing provisions shall annually before the first day of September make return, under oath, to the county com-

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missioners of their county of the amount appropriated and expended by their town in such permanent improvements, the amount of road improved, and the character of the work done. It shall be the duty of the county commissioners to inspect the road so improved, and if they are satisfied that the provisions of the previous section have been complied with, they shall certify to the governor and council the sum which said town is entitled to receive from the state. Any town dissatisfied with their decision may appeal to the governor and council. The governor and council shall issue a certificate to the treasurer of the town for such amount as they adjudge such town entitled to receive from the state treasury.

commissioners.

—commissioners shall inspect the road improved and report to governor and council.

Section 4. Towns desiring to take advantage of the provisions of this act, may, through their municipal officers make application therefor to the secretary of the state, and it shall be his duty to record such applications in the order in which they are received. If the appropriation provided by the state for that purpose is insufficient in any year to furnish aid to all the towns applying therefor they shall receive such aid in the order in which their applications were presented, providing the other conditions of this act have been complied with, and those towns whose claims cannot be paid in any year by reason of such lack of funds shall have the preference of all others in the succeeding year, and shall be the first to receive aid out of the appropriation for that year.

Towns taking advantage of this act must make application to secretary of state.

Section 5. No town which receives by special act or appropriation assistance from the state in the construction or repairs of its highways or bridges shall be entitled to the benefits of this act during the year in which such assistance is given.

Towns receiving special aid shall not be entitled to benefits of this act.

Section 6. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act the sum of fifteen thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for the year nineteen hundred and two.

Appropriation.

Section 7. The word 'town' in this act shall be construed as meaning cities, towns or organized plantations.

The word 'town' construed.

Section 8. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as changing the existing control of highways by counties or towns or as limiting or changing their liabilities therefor.

Existing control of highways shall not be changed.

Section 9. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 22, 1901.