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Appropriation for work of commission.

Section 5. It is further provided that there shall be and hereby is appropriated for the work of said commission, including all expenses, the sum of ten thousand dollars for the year nineteen hundred and five and a like sum for the year nineteen hundred and six.

Section 6. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved March 23, 1905.

Chapter 145.

An Act authorizing the compilation of the Sea and Shore Fishery Laws.

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

The governor is hereby authorized to appoint a competent person to compile the sea and shore fishery laws of the state, including all such laws passed at the present session, and cause three thousand copies of said compilation to be printed and bound, in convenient form, for the use of the department of sea and shore fisheries, to be distributed among the fishermen of the state. The compensation for the work authorized and performed under this act shall be determined and allowed by the governor and council, and paid from any funds in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Compilation of sea and shore fishery laws, authorized.

--compensation for work.

Approved March 23, 1905.

Chapter 146.

An Act to provide for the appointment of a Commissioner of Highways and Economy in Municipal Expenditures.

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

Section 1. The governor, with the advice and consent of the council, within thirty days after approval of this act, shall appoint a suitable person, who shall be a civil engineer, as commissioner of highways; who shall hold his office for the term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, and shall receive an annual salary of two thousand five hundred dollars, and in addition thereto one thousand dollars for assistant, or clerk hire, the actual amount paid out for his traveling expenses within this state, and such other expenses, not exceed-

Commissioner of highways, appointment of.

--tenure of office.

--salary.

--clerk hire.

--expenses.

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ing fifteen hundred dollars annually, as may be incurred in the executing of the duties of his office as hereinafter provided, the same to be approved by the governor and council.

Shall have office at state capitol.

--shall compile statistics.

--other duties.

Section 2. Said commissioner of highways shall be provided with an office at the state capitol. It shall be the duty of said commissioner to compile statistics relating to the public ways in the cities and towns of the state, and to make such investigation relating thereto as he shall deem expedient, in order to secure better and more improved highways in the state. It shall be his duty by means of maps, charts, cuts, drawings, prints, publications, printed or written articles, lectures, or otherwise, to disseminate knowledge throughout the state concerning the best known economical methods for the building and maintaining of highways, including bridges and sidewalks, in the cities and towns of the state, and particularly to impart such information, in manner as aforesaid, to the county commissioners of counties, the street commissioners of cities, the selectmen of towns, and other municipal officers whose duties it may be to have the care and management of the expenditure of money and the building and keeping in repair of the highways in the state.

--may be consulted by and give advice to all officers having care of public ways.

Said commissioner may be consulted by, and shall give advice to, without charge, all officers of counties, cities, and towns, having care and authority over the public ways, as to their construction, maintenance, alteration, and repair, but such advice shall not impair the legal obligation, of any such county, city, or town officer. Said commissioner shall hold each year, under the auspices of the county commissioners, a meeting in each county, for the open discussion of questions relating to the building and maintaining of public ways, of which due notice shall be given to the towns and cities in each county by the said county commissioners.

Shall make annual report to governor and council.

Section 3. He shall make an annual report to the governor and council of his doings, and expenditures of his office, together with such statements bearing upon the construction and maintenance of ways, and suggestions and recommendations concerning the same, as he deems appropriate, including recommendations for any legislation which to him seems expedient and necessary. His report shall be transmitted to the secretary of state on or before the first Wednesday of January of each year. All maps, plans, statistics and other valuable facts collected and compiled under his direction, shall be preserved in his office, and become the property of the state.

Officers having care of roads and

Section 4. County commissioners and city and town officers having the care of and authority over public ways and bridges

throughout the state shall, on request, furnish said commissioner any information which they may possess and required by him, concerning ways and bridges within their jurisdiction.

bridges shall furnish information.

Approved March 24, 1905.

Chapter 147.

An Act to amend Chapter twenty-four of the Revised Statutes relating to registering, numbering and regulating the speed of Automobiles and Motor Vehicles and for licensing the operator thereof.

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

Section 1. Chapter twenty-four of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding the following sections:

Chapter 24, R. S., amended.

‘Section 17. All automobiles and motor vehicles shall be registered by the owner or person in control thereof in accordance with the provisions of this act. Application for such registration may be made, by mail or otherwise, to the secretary of state upon blanks prepared under his authority. The application shall, in addition to such other particulars as may be required by said secretary, contain a statement of the name, place of residence and address of the applicant, with a brief description of the automobile or motor vehicle, including the name of the maker, the number, if any, affixed by the maker, the character of the motor power and the amount of such motor power stated in figures of horse power; and with such application shall be deposited a registration fee of two dollars. The said secretary shall then register, in a book to be kept for the purpose, the automobile or motor vehicle described in the application, giving to such automobile or motor vehicle a distinguishing number or other mark, and shall thereupon issue to the applicant a certificate of registration. Said certificate shall contain the name, place of residence and address of the applicant, and the registered number or mark, shall prescribe the manner in which said registered number or mark shall be inscribed or displayed upon the automobile or motor vehicle, and shall be in such form as the secretary may determine. The secretary of state shall also furnish the applicant two enamelled iron plates containing the word “Maine” in letters not less than one inch in height and the number of registration in Arabic numerals not less than four inches in height. The number plates must be attached to the front and back of automobiles and one number plate must be attached to the back of motor cycles. On

Automobiles shall be registered.

—application for registration.

—registration fee.

—certificate of registration.

—number plates.

—how number plates shall be attached.