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Chapter 153.

An Act to Amend the Second Paragraph of Section Forty-five, of Chapter One Hundred Seventeen of the Revised Statutes Increasing the Amount of Clerk Hire in the Androscoggin County Registry of Deeds.

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

R. S., c. 117, § 45, relating to clerk hire in county offices, amended. That the second paragraph of section forty-five of chapter one hundred seventeen of the revised statutes be hereby amended by striking out the words "five hundred twenty" after the word "deeds" and inserting in place thereof the words 'ten hundred and forty', so that said second paragraph of said section as amended shall read as follows :

'Clerk hire in Androscoggin registry of deeds, increased. In Androscoggin county ; for clerks in the office of register of deeds, ten hundred and forty dollars ; for clerks in the office of register of probate, five hundred twenty dollars ; for clerks in the office of clerk of courts, six hundred dollars.'

Approved April 3, 1917.

Chapter 154.

An Act to Provide State Aid for the Construction of Highways Extending Continuously through Three or More Towns.

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

Sec. 1. Continuous highway extending through three or more towns; state to assist in construction. Three or more towns through which extends a continuous highway not less than fifteen miles in length may, not later than April first in any one year, vote to appropriate for the construction of such highway as a state aid highway, sums determined according to the provisions of section eighteen of chapter twenty-five of the revised statutes, or any multiples thereof, up to five times such sums.

Sec. 2. Amount of assistance by state determined by appropriations by town; how reckoned. When three or more such towns through which extends continuously at least fifteen miles of such highway shall have so appropriated, the state highway commission shall, from the fund for the construction of state aid highways, set apart for the construction of such highway, an aggregate sum the component parts whereof shall be determined as follows :

In the case of a town having appropriated an amount determined according to the provisions of said section eighteen, there shall be set apart from the fund for the construction of state aid highways the same amount as, under the provisions of section twenty of said chapter twenty-five, would be apportioned to such town ; in the case of a town having increased its appropriation over the amount determined according to the provisions of said section eighteen to any multiple thereof, there shall be set apart a sum repre-

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senting a like increase, together with an additional sum, equal to twenty-five per cent of such increase in the case of a town appropriating twice the amount determined by said section eighteen; fifty per cent of such increase in the case of a town appropriating three times the amount determined by said section eighteen; seventy-five per cent of such increase in the case of a town appropriating four times the amount determined by said section eighteen; and one hundred per cent of such increase in the case of a town appropriating five times the amount determined by said section eighteen.

Sec. 3. Joint fund created; shall be expended under supervision of state. Towns to make payment to state treasurer. The aggregate sum so set apart, together with the sums appropriated by such towns, shall constitute a joint fund for the construction of such state aid highway and shall be expended under the direction and supervision of the state highway commission; provided that all money appropriated by any such town shall be expended upon that portion of such highway lying within the limits thereof, and that, of the money set apart by the state highway commission, as hereinbefore provided, so much thereof as is set apart in consequence of the appropriation made by any such town and is required for the completion of that portion of the highway lying within such town shall be expended therein. Payments by the towns of the sums by them appropriated under the provisions of this act, in whole or in part, shall be made forthwith to the treasurer of state on requisition by the commission as the work progresses.

Sec. 4. Form of article to be inserted in town warrant. Towns making appropriations under the provisions of this act shall do so by acting upon an article, in the warrant for the meeting at which such appropriation is made, of substantially the following tenor:

Article——, To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise in accordance with the provisions of chapter (here insert number of this chapter) of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen for the construction of a state highway extending from (here insert description of highway sufficient to make certain its location) and the description set out in such article shall be the same in substance for all such towns; cities making such appropriations shall incorporate into the act or order therefor a similar description of the contemplated highway.

Sec. 5. Towns to receive no additional state highway aid during same year. Towns availing themselves of the provisions of this act, shall in the same year, receive no other money under the provisions of sections twenty or twenty-one of said chapter twenty-five.