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# Acts and Resolves

As Passed by the

## Seventy-Ninth Legislature

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# STATE OF MAINE

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Private and Special Laws

OF THE

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## Chapter 59.

An Act to Authorize the City of Old Town to Raise Money for Highway Purposes by Popular Vote.

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, the city of Old Town is located partly upon an island in the Penobscot river, and in addition to its large mileage of streets, it has an unusual number of bridges to maintain, and,

Whereas, under the past method of appropriations and management by the city councils with their constant changes from year to year, it has not seemed possible to maintain the roads and bridges in a satisfactory manner, and they have been neglected until they are actually dangerous in many places, and,

Whereas, this is true of a bridge, three hundred feet long, across the Stillwater river on Gilman Falls avenue, which is in a dangerous condition and a positive menace to the public safety, and,

Whereas, it should be replaced with a new structure at once, the safety of the public demands that work be done immediately, and,

Whereas, public safety demands that something be done directly to improve and render safe for travel the streets and bridges of the city of Old Town, and,

Whereas, it is impracticable and wasteful under the present methods to raise a considerable amount of money and expend the same on a continuous program of improvement, and,

Whereas, an emergency exists in the serious condition of the bridge on Gilman Falls avenue, mentioned above, and,

Whereas, the bills under consideration providing for a continuous program of improvement, carry all the protection of the referendum law so far as they affect the parties interested (the citizens of Old Town) by providing that they become effective only after they are approved by the voters of the city, at the coming municipal election, making the necessary appropriation, and,

Whereas, these facts render the passage of this act immediately necessary for the preservation of the public health, peace and safety, and constitute an emergency within the meaning of the constitution, now therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. Special appropriation for highway construction.** The qualified voters of the city of Old Town, at the annual meeting for the year one thousand nine hundred and nineteen, by a majority vote, may appropriate a sum of money to be assessed annually on the property taxable in said city which sum shall for each of the following years one thousand nine

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hundred and nineteen, one thousand nine hundred and twenty, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, and one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four be equal to four mills on the dollar upon the valuation of the property taxable in said city as returned by the assessors of said city for said years respectively, for the construction, maintenance and repair of state highways, state aid highways and other improved highways in said city, which sum shall be separate and in addition to the amount usually appropriated by the municipal officers of said city for the construction, maintenance and repair of the highways of said city, and said sum so appropriated shall each year during said time be added to the amounts appropriated by the municipal officers and by them rendered to the assessors of said city for assessment.

**Sec. 2. Inconsistent acts repealed.** All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed only so far as they conflict with the purposes of this act.

**Sec. 3. Emergency.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 15, 1919.

## Chapter 60.

An Act to Amend an Act Entitled "An Act to Incorporate the City of Old Town."

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