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He and his deputy shall also receive such actual traveling expenses incident to the administration of his department as shall be necessary.' This section when so amended will read as follows:

'Sec. 15. Salary increased to \$3500, to begin Jan. 1st, 1921; provision made for traveling expenses of secretary and deputy. The secretary of state shall receive an annual salary of thirty-five hundred dollars, beginning January first, nineteen hundred and twenty-one. He and his deputy shall also receive such actual traveling expenses incident to the administration of his department as shall be necessary.

The number and compensation of clerks employed by the secretary of state shall be determined by the governor and council.'

Approved April 9, 1921.

Chapter 213.

An Act to Provide for a Full Time State Highway Commission, Amending Section Three and Section Four of Chapter Twenty-five of the Revised Statutes, Relative to State Highways, and also Amending Section Thirty-four of Chapter One Hundred Seventeen of the Revised Statutes Relative to Salary of the State Highway Commission.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 25, § 3; relating to the appointment of members of the state highway commission, amended. Section three of chapter twenty-five of the revised statutes providing for the appointment of a state highway commission is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

'Sec. 3. Present commission abolished; new full time commission created; tenure of office at expiration of term of first appointees increased to six years; chairman to be named by governor; no member or employee to have any connection with road or bridge building corporation doing business in state; members shall not serve on political committee; may be removed for violation. The state highway commission shall consist of three members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the council, one to serve for two years, one to serve for four years and one to serve for six years; and thereafter, as the terms expire, each appointment shall be for the term of six years. Said commission when appointed and qualified under this act shall succeed to all the rights and powers, and perform all the duties, of the present state highway commission, which is hereby abolished. Vacancies occurring during a term shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired term. One member of the commission shall be designated by the governor as chairman. The commission shall adopt and have a

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seal, and shall keep a record of its proceedings, which shall be open to public inspection during business hours, and it may appoint a secretary to keep and certify records and papers.

The members of the commission shall give their full time to the duties of their office. No member or employee thereof shall have any official or professional connection with, or hold any stock or securities in any road-building or bridge-building firm or corporation engaged in work within the State of Maine, nor shall he supply to the state any labor or material for construction, maintenance or repair work upon ways and bridges in which the state is engaged, nor shall he render any professional service for or against any person, firm or corporation engaged in such work, nor shall he be a member of any firm which shall render any such service. No member of said commission shall serve on or under any committee of any political party. Any wilful violation of the provisions of this chapter by any commissioner shall constitute sufficient cause for his removal by the governor with the advice and consent of the council.

The attorney general shall without additional compensation give the commission such advice and service as its attorney as it may from time to time require.

The commission shall be furnished with suitable offices at the seat of government, and shall perform all the duties and may exercise all the powers expressly or impliedly given by this chapter and by the act entitled, "An Act Relative to Motor Vehicles and the Law of the Road, and to revise and amend chapter twenty-six of the revised statutes and acts amendatory thereof and additional thereto." The commission shall make an annual report to the governor and council of its doings and expenditures, with such statement relative to the construction and maintenance of public highways and bridges and such recommendations as to the general policy of the state relative thereto as it considers appropriate. The report shall be transmitted to the secretary of state on or before the thirty-first day of December in each year. The commission shall have full power to enforce all contracts made by the present state highway commission, both at law and in equity.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 25, § 4; relating to chief engineer of state highway commission and assistants, amended. Section four of chapter twenty-five of the revised statutes is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

'**Sec. 4. Office of chief engineer abolished; assistants in administration to be selected and salaries fixed by commission.** The commission shall select, with the approval of the governor and council, such engineers, supervisors, assistants and help as may be necessary in the

administration and execution of this chapter. All salaries for persons employed by the commission shall be fixed by said commission, and all employees shall serve during the pleasure of the commission. All salaries and expenses contemplated by this section shall be paid from the fund for maintenance and administration.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 117, § 34; relating to the salary of the members of state highway commission, amended. Section thirty-four of chapter one hundred and seventeen of the revised statutes is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

'Sec. 34. Chairman to receive annual salary of \$5000 and other members \$4500 each. The annual salary of each member of the state highway commission shall be, for the chairman five thousand dollars; for each other member four thousand five hundred dollars. They shall also receive their actual expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties while absent from the seat of government.'

Sec. 4. When Act takes effect. This act shall take effect January first, nineteen hundred twenty-two.

Approved April 9, 1921.

Chapter 214.

An Act Providing for the Purchase or Taking by Process of Law the Toll Bridge Between the State of Maine and the State of New Hampshire, Extending from South Berwick in said State of Maine and Dover in Said State of New Hampshire, in Conjunction with the State of New Hampshire.

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

Sec. 1. State through highway commission to take over one-half, or so much as is situated in state, of Eliot bridge between South Berwick, Me., and Dover, N. H. The state highway commission of Maine in conjunction with the state highway commission of New Hampshire, between which states a toll bridge exists known as the Eliot bridge, said bridge extending from South Berwick in said State of Maine to Dover in said State of New Hampshire, is hereby authorized to receive, under conditions hereinafter specified in this act, a conveyance of one-half of or so much of said Eliot bridge as lies within the State of Maine, and to maintain said bridge as a public highway as provided by law.

Sec. 2. Governor and council to approve purchase price; if no agreement can be reached with owners, may petition supreme judicial court. The purchase of said bridge by agreement with the owners thereof is conditioned upon the approval of the governor and council of said State of Maine. If the owners of said bridge and state highway