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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

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commission of Maine, subject to the approval of the governor and council of said State of Maine, cannot agree upon the purchase price of said bridge the said state highway commission of Maine, with approval of the governor and council of said State of Maine, may petition the supreme judicial court of said State of Maine to have the value of that part of said bridge lying within said State of Maine ascertained and determined in the same manner as in the taking of lands for public highways, and persons or corporations aggrieved shall have the same right of appeal as now provided in the laying out of a highway.

Sec. 3. State highway commission to enter into agreement with highway commission of New Hampshire as to maintenance and repair. The said state highway commission of Maine, when authorized by the governor and council of said state, shall enter into an agreement with the highway commission of the State of New Hampshire for the maintenance, repair, improvement and upkeep of said bridge.

Sec. 4. Purchase price to be taken from any funds available for purpose; act contingent upon acceptance of constitutional amendment. For the purposes of carrying out the provision of section two of this act such sum as may be necessary may be taken for said purpose from any funds available for the purchase, maintenance and repairs of said bridge. This act shall not take effect unless the constitutional amendment shall be adopted whereby the bond issue is available for state aid roads.

Sec. 5. Portsmouth, Dover and York Railroad may be permitted use of bridge on such terms as can be agreed upon. Said state highway commission of Maine may permit the use of such part of said bridge as will not inconvenience or obstruct passage on and over said bridge by the usual and legal traffic on and over highways, by the Portsmouth, Dover and York Railway on such terms as shall be equitable.

Sec. 6. Contingent upon the state of New Hampshire authorizing its commission to take similar action. This act shall take effect when the highway commission of the State of New Hampshire is empowered by that state to take similar action.

Approved April 9, 1921.

Chapter 215.

An Act to Confer upon the State Highway Commission and Municipal Officers, the Powers of Road Commissioners in Removing Obstructions from Highways.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 25, § 6; 1917, c. 258; relating to the general authority of the state highway commission, amended. Section six of chapter