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Chapter 91.

An Act to Amend Section Thirty-two of Chapter One Hundred and Seventeen of the Revised Statutes, as Amended by Chapter One Hundred and Eighty-three of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen, and by Chapter One Hundred and Fifty-two of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-one, Relating to the Board of State Assessors.

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

R. S., c. 117, sec. 32; P. L., 1917, c. 183; 1921, c. 152; relating to salary of state assessors, amended. Section thirty-two of chapter one hundred and seventeen of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter one hundred and eighty-three of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, and by chapter one hundred and fifty-two of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-one, is hereby further amended by striking out the words "for the chairman twenty-five hundred dollars, and for each member two thousand dollars," in the second and third lines, and inserting in place thereof the words 'twenty-five hundred dollars,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 32. Salary of each member fixed at \$2,500. The annual salary of each member of the state board of assessors shall be twenty-five hundred dollars. They shall also receive their actual expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties. They shall employ a chief clerk and such other clerical assistance as may be necessary. The chief clerk in the office of the board of state assessors shall receive an annual salary of twenty-five hundred dollars and he shall also receive his actual expenses incurred in the performance of his official duties.'

Passed over Governor's Veto March 23, 1923.

Chapter 92.

An Act to Provide for an Issue of State Highway and Bridge Bonds.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, all of the funds available for construction of state highways and bridges under the provisions of chapter one hundred and thirty of the public laws of nineteen hundred and thirteen and acts amendatory thereof, and in addition thereto; under chapter two hundred and fifty-one of the public laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen, and under chapter one hundred and thirty-one of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-one, have been expended, and

Whereas, no more bonds for such purposes can be issued without authority of the legislature, and

Whereas, under the constitutional amendment now in force it is legal and proper for the legislature to authorize the issuance of the balance of

the bonds authorized by said amendment now amounting to the sum of two million, six hundred four thousand five hundred dollars, and

Whereas, if this act is not passed as an emergency act none of said funds will become available until ninety days after the recess of this legislature which will be too late to begin work upon such highways and bridges as are in urgent need of attention, and

Whereas, money for said purposes is now urgently needed, and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of section sixteen of article thirty-one of the constitution of the State of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, now therefore,

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

Sec. 1. Additional issue of state highway and bridge bonds authorized to the amount of \$2,604,500. In addition to state highway and bridge bonds heretofore issued in the name and behalf of the state and under the provisions of chapter one hundred and thirty of the public laws of nineteen hundred and thirteen and acts amendatory thereof and additional thereto; under chapter two hundred and fifty-one of the public laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen, and under chapter one hundred and thirty-one of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-one, the treasurer of state is hereby authorized, under the direction of the governor and council, to issue from time to time serial coupon bonds in the name and behalf of the state to an amount not exceeding two million, six hundred four thousand and five hundred dollars, payable at the state treasury within forty-one years from date of issue, at a rate of interest not exceeding five per cent per annum, interest payable semi-annually, and signed by the treasurer of state, countersigned by the governor and attested by the state auditor, with the seal of the state affixed. The coupons attached to said bonds shall bear the facsimile of the signature of the treasurer of state instead of his original signature; and such bonds and coupons shall be of such denominations and form and upon such terms and conditions not inconsistent herewith as the governor and council shall direct. Said bonds, together with the proceeds thereof, shall be designated as a part of the state highway and bridge loan, and shall be deemed a pledge of the faith and credit of the state.

Sec. 2. Records of bonds issued to be kept by state auditor and treasurer. The state auditor shall keep an account of such bonds, showing the number and amount of each, the date of countersigning, the date when payable and the date of delivery thereof to the treasurer of state, who shall keep

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an account of each bond, showing the number thereof, the name of the person to whom sold, the amount received for the same, the date of sale and the date when payable.

Sec. 3. Sale, how negotiated; \$2,204,500 appropriated for state highways, \$100,000 for interstate, intrastate and international bridges, and \$300,000 for building of bridges as provided in "Bridge Act." The treasurer of state may negotiate the sale of such bonds by direction of the governor and council, but no such bond shall be loaned, pledged or hypothecated in behalf of the state. Of the proceeds of the sales of such bonds, which shall be held by the treasurer of state and paid by him upon warrants drawn by the governor and council, two million two hundred four thousand and five hundred dollars is hereby appropriated, to be used solely for the building of state highways, one hundred thousand dollars is hereby appropriated to be used in the building and rebuilding of interstate, intrastate and international bridges and three hundred thousand dollars is hereby appropriated to be used solely for the building of bridges, as provided by chapter three hundred and nineteen of the public laws of nineteen hundred and fifteen, as amended. The proceeds of said bonds may be expended during the fiscal years ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, but any balance unexpended shall not lapse, but shall be carried forward to the same account to be used only for the construction of state highways and bridges as provided by law.

Sec. 4. Proceeds of bonds not available for other purposes; must be kept separate from other funds; accruing interest on deposits applied to pay interest on bonds. The proceeds of all bonds issued under the authority of this or other similar acts, for highway and bridge purposes, shall at all times be kept distinct from other moneys of the state, and shall not be drawn upon or be available for any other purpose. So much of the same as from time to time may not be needed for current expenditures shall be placed at interest, and the income derived therefrom shall be devoted to the payment of accruing interest on state highway and bridge bonds, and the treasurer of state shall include in his annual report a statement of all moneys so placed at interest, and of all interest collected and disbursed as herein provided.

Sec. 5. Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 27, 1923.