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## Chapter 158.

An Act Additional to Chapter Twenty-four of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Highways.

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

R. S., c. 24; amended by adding new section. Chapter twenty-four of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a section to be numbered section one hundred and thirty, to read as follows:

'Sec. 130. Certain roads may be closed during January, February and March; procedure; notices to be posted. The municipal officers of any city, town or plantation or any seven legal voters in any such city, town or plantation may, before the first day of December in any year, petition the county commissioners of the county in which such city, town or plantation is located, setting forth that any road or roads in such city, town or plantation are so located with reference to population, use and travel thereon, that it is unnecessary to keep said road or roads broken out and open for travel during the months of January, February and March following, or any part of such months, and praying said commissioners after notice and hearing on such petition to decide whether such road or roads shall be kept open or closed during such period or part thereof.

'The county commissioners upon receipt of such petition shall fix a time and place in said city, town or plantation for a public hearing thereon and shall give notice thereof by causing attested copies of such petition and order of notice thereon to be posted in two public places in such city, town or plantation and published in some newspaper printed in the county at least seven days before the time of such hearing. The commissioners at the time and place fixed by such notice shall hear and consider such evidence as may be offered as to the necessity of closing such road or roads to travel or directing that such road or roads be not broken out during such period, and if satisfied of the necessity thereof, they may make such orders relating thereto as in their judgment the facts warrant.

'Any road or roads closed or in regard to which the county commissioners have made an order as to their use shall be marked by notices posted at both ends thereof showing in substance such order or regulation, which notices shall be signed by the county commissioners.

'The order of the county commissioners after proceedings under this section shall relieve such city, town or plantation of any obligation to keep said road or roads open or broken out during the period fixed by such order.'