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AS PASSED BY THE

Eighty-sixth Legislature

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STATE OF MAINE

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**CHAP. 252**

provement, equipment, maintenance, operation and repair of the works herein provided for and for the issuance and sale of the bonds by this act authorized, and shall be construed as an additional and alternative method therefor and for the financing thereof, and no petition or election or other or further proceeding in respect to the construction or acquisition of the works or to the issuance or sale of bonds under this act and no publication of any resolution, ordinance, notice or proceeding relating to such construction or acquisition or to the issuance or sale of such bonds shall be required except such as are prescribed by this act, any provisions of other statutes of the state to the contrary notwithstanding; provided, however, that all functions, powers and duties of the state department of health shall remain unaffected by this act. This act shall not be available to cities and towns, which now own sewerage systems for the extension or enlargement of the same, but may be availed of by sewer districts for extension or enlargement of their existing sewerage systems.

**Sec. 23. To be liberally construed.** This act being necessary for the public health, safety and welfare, it shall be liberally construed to effectuate the purposes thereof.

**Sec. 24. Constitutionality.** The sections and provisions of this act are separable and are not matters of mutual essential inducement, and it is the intention to confer the whole or any part of the powers herein provided for, and if any of the sections or provisions or parts thereof are for any reason illegal, it is the intention that the remaining sections and provisions or parts thereof shall remain in full force and effect.

**Emergency Clause.** In view of the emergency recited in the preamble this act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 31, 1933.

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## Chapter 252.

### **AN ACT Relating to Aid to Libraries, Expenses of State Historian, Compensation and Expenses of Geologist, Topographic Mapping, and Abolishment of Grade Crossings.**

**Emergency Preamble.** Whereas, at this particular period the estimated and probable revenues of the state for the ensuing two years will be insufficient to meet the estimated expenditures of the state, based on the requirements of the law as now existing, and

Whereas, it is imperative that all disbursements not productive of a corresponding resulting benefit to the state be discontinued at once, and

Whereas, disbursements for the activities enumerated in the following legislation are in such a category, and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the constitution 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. State aid to libraries suspended.** Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, for a period of 2 years from the date of the approval of this act, towns entitled to receive from the treasurer of state, state aid to libraries under the provisions of section 25 of chapter 4 of the revised statutes shall receive the following enumerated percentages of their appropriation for the purpose of securing free use of libraries to their inhabitants:

To towns appropriating \$475 or less, 10%;

To towns appropriating from \$475 to \$1900, 7%;

To towns appropriating from \$1900 to \$5000, 4%.

**Sec. 2. State historian's expenses suspended.** For a period of 2 years from the day of the approval of this act, none of the actual cash expenses of the state historian shall be paid from the state treasury as provided for in section 6 of chapter 3 of the revised statutes.

**Sec. 3. State geologist's expenses suspended.** For a period of 2 years from the day of the approval of this act, the state shall pay no compensation to, nor any of the expenses of the geologist as provided for in section 53 of chapter 49 of the revised statutes as amended by chapter 250 of the public laws of 1931.

**Sec. 4. Topographical mapping suspended.** For a period of 2 years from the day of the approval of this act, there shall be no appropriation made for the topographic mapping of the state as provided in sections 21 and 22 of chapter 2 of the revised statutes.

**Sec. 5. Appropriation for abolishment of grade crossings suspended.** For a period of 2 years from the day of the approval of this act, the state shall make no appropriations and no expenditures under the provisions of sections 39 to 42, inclusive, of chapter 27 of the revised statutes as amended by section 42 of chapter 266 of the public laws of 1931, regarding the abolishment of grade crossings on state aid and 3rd class highways.

**Emergency Clause.** In view of the emergency recited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 31, 1933.