

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES
AS PASSED BY THE
Ninety-first and Ninety-second
Legislatures
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

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STATE OF MAINE

As Passed by the Ninety-second Legislature

1945

'The secretary of state shall receive an annual salary of ~~\$4,000~~ \$6,000. He and his deputy shall also receive such actual traveling expenses incident to the administration of his department as shall be necessary.'

Effective July 21, 1945

Chapter 371

AN ACT to Create the Town Road Improvement Fund.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 20, §§ 42-A—42-E, additional. Chapter 20 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 5 new sections, to be numbered 42-A to 42-E, inclusive, to read as follows:

'Sec. 42-A. Town road improvement fund. There is hereby established a special fund to be known as the "town road improvement fund". The legislature shall appropriate for each fiscal year such amounts as it shall deem proper from the general highway fund, but not to exceed 10% of the average annual gross income from the gasoline tax and registration fees for motor vehicles, the average to be that of the preceding 5-year period.'

'Sec. 42-B. Towns to receive funds. The various towns in the state shall receive from the fund for the purpose of improving such roads as the municipal officers of the towns shall designate, such amounts as they shall be entitled to, figured on the basis of mileage of unimproved roads located within their respective limits as compared with the total amount of mileage of unimproved roads within the state. Such designation and the expenditure of money under the provisions of sections 42-A to 42-E, inclusive, shall be under the general supervision and approval of the state highway commission.'

'Sec. 42-C. Purpose of expenditures. The expenditures of this fund shall be for drainage, machine grading and gravelling and, when in the judgment of the state highway commission such roads may be suited for stabilizing either with tar or other stabilizing material, money from this fund may be so allocated, but shall not exceed the sum of \$3,000 in any 1 mile. The various towns shall furnish all local road material, including rocks, sand, gravel, etc. and shall assume and pay any cost or damages arising from any change in location, grade or drainage.'

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'Sec. 42-D. Limitation. No money from this fund shall be expended on any road which is a part of the federal aid, state, state aid or 3rd class roads, as it is intended to apply only to the unimproved roads of the state. Any balance unexpended by the towns at the end of any fiscal year shall remain to their credit for use in any other fiscal year to carry out the purposes of sections 42-A to 42-E, inclusive.'

'Sec. 42-E. Purpose. It shall be the intent and purpose of sections 42-A to 42-E, inclusive, to set up a fund and a method for more equal distribution of money for unimproved roads than can be had by the present blanket road resolve, so called.'

Sec. 2. Limitations. It is the intent of the legislature that the provisions of this act shall be in addition to any blanket road resolve, so called, passed by either the 91st or 92nd legislature and the money appropriated by such blanket road resolves shall be expended only for the purposes designated in such blanket road resolves.

Effective July 21, 1945

Chapter 372

AN ACT Relating to the Salary of the Forest Commissioner.

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

R. S., c. 32, § 1, amended. The last sentence of section 1 of chapter 32 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'The commissioner shall receive an annual salary of ~~\$5,000~~ \$6,000, of which amount \$3,000 shall be paid from funds raised and created by the tax assessed under the provisions of section 74.'

Effective July 21, 1945