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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

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'For such suitable room and facilities in Skowhegan there shall be paid from the county of Somerset, as rental, the sum of \$300 annually, in quarterly payments.'

Effective August 20, 1951

Chapter 189

AN ACT Authorizing Mainete School of Music to Confer Degrees.

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

Mainete School of Music to confer degrees. Mainete School of Music, a corporation located in Lewiston, in the county of Androscoggin, shall have the power and authority to confer the degree of bachelor of music upon all persons who shall have completed satisfactorily at least a 4 years' course in music in said school, and who have a high school diploma or a state high school equivalency certificate issued by the commissioner of education of the Maine state department of education.

Effective August 20, 1951

Chapter 190

AN ACT to Authorize the County Commissioners of Cumberland County to Issue Bonds for Bridge Repairs.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, in the judgment of the county commissioners of Cumberland county, new fender piers for Portland Bridge are urgently needed because the present fender piers afford no protection whatever to the superstructure of the bridge and great damage has occurred and may occur again for lack of proper protection; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the county commissioners of Cumberland county, the floor system of draw span of Portland Bridge should be rebuilt because the present floor system has deteriorated by age and use so that it is not adequate for present traffic and does not properly protect the structure beneath; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the county commissioners of Cumberland county, the electrical and mechanical equipment which operates the draw

span of Portland Bridge should be renewed because the present equipment has deteriorated by wear so that it is no longer reliable or efficient; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the county commissioners of Cumberland county, the curbs, sidewalks and fences of Portland Bridge should be rebuilt because the present curbs, sidewalks and fences have deteriorated with age so that they do not adequately protect the public and the substructure of the bridge; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the county commissioners of Cumberland county, the cost of the above described projects is estimated to be about \$650,000, in addition to amount already authorized, which amount is deemed too great to be provided for in the biennial estimates; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the county commissioners of Cumberland county, public convenience and necessity require the execution of the above described projects in order to maintain Portland Bridge safe and dependable for travel by persons and vehicles and for navigation; 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:

Bond issue authorized. The county commissioners of Cumberland county, in order to provide funds to pay for the repair and reconstruction of Portland Bridge as described in the foregoing emergency preamble, are hereby authorized to issue the interest-bearing bonds of said Cumberland county to an amount not to exceed \$650,000. Said bonds shall bear such rates of interest and mature at such times as said county commissioners may determine; but none of which shall run for a longer period than 20 years from the date of original issue thereof. Such bonds shall be valid without first obtaining the consent of said county as provided in sections 26 and 27 of chapter 79 of the revised statutes.

There is hereby created a board to be called the Portland Bridge Advisory Board to be composed of the members of the state highway commission, the city manager of Portland, the city manager of South Portland, and 5 members of the 95th legislature; one to be a member of the Senate to be appointed by the president of the senate, and 4 members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the speaker of the house, and a representative of Portland Terminal Company, to be appointed by the president of that corporation, which said board shall organize and elect a chairman and a secretary from their own number, and who shall serve without

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compensation, but shall be reimbursed, as hereinafter provided, for their necessary expenses incurred while serving as a member of said board. Said board, together with the county commissioners of said Cumberland county shall study the present needs for repairs and maintenance of said bridge as now existing, and the advisability of construction of a bridge at a location and of a height that will make unnecessary the construction and maintenance of a draw for the passage of vessels; and for said purposes the state highway commission shall employ its engineers and may, if it deems advisable, consult with other engineers specially experienced in bridge design and construction, and shall obtain estimates of cost.

Said board shall make a report to the Governor and Council of its findings and recommendations not later than November 30, 1951.

Any expenses incurred by said board, including necessary expenses of the members of the board, except officials and employees of the state highway commission and Portland Terminal Company, while engaged in the duties of the board, and the expenses of any necessary or emergency repairs or replacements to said bridge, shall be paid by the county treasurer on written order of the county commissioners, from the Bridge Repair and Reconstruction Fund authorized by chapter 131 of the private and special laws of 1949.

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

Effective May 15, 1951

Chapter 191

AN ACT Relating to Uniforms for Members of Police Department of the City of Lewiston.

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

P. & S. L., 1939, c. 8, Art. XI, § 7-A, additional. Article XI of chapter 8 of the private and special laws of 1939 is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section, to be numbered 7-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 7-A. Uniforms for members. The city shall supply male members of the police department with necessary uniforms, but shall not expend more than \$100 per member annually. The provisions of this section shall apply only to those who have been members of the police department for at least 3 years.'

Effective August 20, 1951