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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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the Commission. The members shall serve without pay but may be compensated for out-of-pocket expenditures incurred in the performance of their official duties.

Sec. 2. Duties of the Commission. The Commission is hereby empowered and directed to make surveys and studies concerning the present condition of a bridge across Fore River between the cities of Portland and South Portland known as "Portland Bridge" to determine whether or not the present structure is in sufficiently good condition to warrant repairs and retention for a considerable period of time as a traffic artery between these two cities. The Commission is also directed to obtain from the Chief of Engineers, U. S. Corps of Engineers, and the Secretary of the Army, the minimum navigational clearances which the present river traffic requires. Some estimate should also be made as to what changes in river traffic can be anticipated in future years which might require larger navigational clearances than are immediately necessary. The Commission shall further study all possible methods of financing any reconstruction, repairs or other necessary work on the present bridge and shall also make or have made such traffic surveys as may be necessary to properly develop the traffic distribution on each end of the bridge itself.

Sec. 3. Authorized to provide technical assistance. The Highway Commission is hereby authorized to provide such architects, engineers, technical assistants and clerical help as may be necessary for the purpose of the survey, studies and report.

Sec. 4. Report by the Commission. The Commission is hereby directed to recommend such immediate repairs, reconstruction and additions to the present bridge or its navigational approaches as, in its opinion, seem necessary for the safety of both highway and river traffic. These recommendations shall be made as soon as possible to those having present authority over the bridge and its operation and to any other municipalities or organizations which may have an interest in this matter. The Commission shall make a full and complete report of its studies, recommendations, etc., in such form as it deems appropriate, to the next session of the Legislature, whether general or special, together with any further recommendations for action by the Legislature and any other organization in that the bridge structure and its approaches be placed in the best possible condition consistent with the economics of the general situation.

Sec. 5. Allocation of expenses of the survey. The State Highway Commission, the county of Cumberland, the city of Portland and the city of South Portland shall share equally the expenses incurred for the survey herein authorized.

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 170

AN ACT Relating to Legal Obligations of the Town of Eddington School District.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the Town of Eddington School District has been incorporated by the provisions of Chapter 32 of the Private and Special Laws of 1955; and

Whereas, it is vitally necessary in order to finance the School District that the notes and bonds of the District shall be legal obligations of said District; and

Whereas, the above provision was omitted from Chapter 32 of the Private and Special Laws of 1955 and the omission should be corrected; 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:

P. & S. L., 1955, c. 32, § 4, amended. Section 4 of chapter 32 of the private and special laws of 1955 is hereby amended by inserting before the last sentence a new sentence to read as follows:

'Said notes and bonds shall be legal obligations of said district, which is hereby declared to be a quasi-municipal corporation within the meaning of section 136 of chapter 53 of the revised statutes of 1954 and all provisions of said section shall be applicable thereto; and said notes and bonds shall be legal investments for savings banks.'

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

Effective May 4, 1955

Chapter 171

AN ACT Accepting from Percival Proctor Baxter the Conveyance and Deed of Gift in Trust of Twenty-Five Thousand Twenty-Five (25,025) Acres the Same Being All of Township Six (6) Range Ten (10) Including the Public Lot, W.E.L.S., Piscataquis County, State of Maine.

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

WHEREAS Percival Proctor Baxter of Portland in the County of Cumberland, State of Maine, has heretofore donated and conveyed to the State of Maine as TRUSTEE IN TRUST certain real estate in townships three (3), four (4), five (5) and six (6) range nine (9) and in townships three (3), four (4) and five (5) range ten (10) all seven in Piscataquis County and in township six (6) range eight (8) in Penobscot County, State of Maine, known as BAXTER STATE PARK all the said gifts and conveyances being subject to the Trusts, Reservations and Conditions specified in said Deeds of Conveyance, and

WHEREAS all the above gifts of land have been accepted by the State of Maine as TRUSTEE IN TRUST subject to the Trusts, Reservations and Conditions therein specified, and

WHEREAS the said Baxter now desires to donate and convey to the State of Maine as TRUSTEE to be held by said State in TRUST an additional area of land being all of township six (6) range ten (10) Piscataquis County containing twenty-five thousand twenty-five (25,025) acres more or less including the Public Lot, which with the previous gifts brings the Park to a total of one hundred ninety-three thousand two hundred fifty-four (193,254) acres or eight (8) complete townships and a portion of a ninth township.