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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

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Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1955, c. 198, § 6, amended. Section 6 of chapter 198 of the private and special laws of 1955 is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 6. Proceeds of bonds not available for other purposes; must be kept separate from other funds. The proceeds of all bonds issued under the authority of this Act ~~and the tolls collected thereunder~~ shall at all times be kept distinct from all other moneys of the State and shall not be drawn upon or be available for any other purpose.

Sec. 3. P. & S. L., 1955, c. 198, § 7, amended. The 2nd sentence of section 7 of chapter 198 of the private and special laws of 1955 is repealed.

Effective October 7, 1967

Chapter 147

AN ACT Removing Tolls from Augusta Memorial Bridge.

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

P. & S. L., 1947, c. 185, § 2, repealed. Section 2 of chapter 185 of the private and special laws of 1947 is repealed, as follows:

~~Sec. 2. Bridge to be operated as toll bridge. The state highway commission is also authorized to operate such bridge when constructed as a toll bridge until the revenue therefrom shall amount to a sum sufficient to reimburse the state for the amount appropriated, at which time the bridge shall be free. The commission shall charge and collect such tolls for the use and crossing of said bridge by vehicles and other traffic, with the exception of pedestrians for whose passage no toll shall be charged, as may from time to time be determined and ordered by it, having due regard to the value of the services rendered, the cost of upkeep, maintenance, repairs, and operation, and said recovery with interest of the amount appropriated.~~

Effective October 7, 1967

Chapter 148

AN ACT to Authorize the Reconstruction and Elimination of Hazardous Locations on Portions of State Route 6.

Preamble. Two-thirds of both Houses of the Legislature deeming it necessary in accordance with Section 14 of Article IX of the Constitution of Maine to authorize the issuance of bonds of the State for the reconstruction and elimination of hazardous locations on portions of State Route 6.

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

Sec. 1. State Highway Commission authorized to improve portions of State Route 6. The State Highway Commission is authorized to construct, reconstruct and eliminate hazardous locations on several portions of State Route 6

from the International Boundary at Sandy Bay to the International Boundary at Vanceboro at an estimated cost of \$3,000,000 and at locations determined by the State Highway Commission. The cost of said improvements shall be taken and appropriated from the proceeds of bonds issued under authority of this Act.

Sec. 2. Treasurer of State to issue bonds. The Treasurer of State is authorized, under the direction of the Governor and Council, to issue serial coupon bonds redeemable before maturity in the name and behalf of the State to an amount not exceeding \$3,000,000 for the purpose of raising funds for the construction of improvements on said route, as provided in this Act. Said bonds shall be deemed a pledge of the faith and credit of the State. Said bonds when paid at maturity or otherwise retired shall not be reissued, but may be refunded on terms more favorable to the State than those in the original issue.

Sec. 3. Records of bonds issued to be kept by State Auditor and Treasurer of State. The State Auditor shall keep an account of such bonds, showing the number and amount of each, the date of countersigning, the date when payable and the date of delivery thereof to the Treasurer of State, who shall keep an account of each bond, showing the number thereof, the name of the person to whom sold, the amount received for the same, the date of sale and the date when payable.

Sec. 4. Sale, how negotiated; proceeds appropriated. The Treasurer of State may negotiate the sale of such bonds by direction of the Governor and Council; but no such bond shall be loaned, pledged or hypothecated in behalf of the State. The proceeds of the sales of such bonds, which shall be held by the Treasurer of State and paid by him upon warrants drawn by the Governor and Council, are appropriated to be used solely for the purposes set forth in this Act. Any balance unexpended shall not lapse, but shall be carried forward to the same account to be used only for the purposes set forth in this Act.

Sec. 5. Proceeds of bonds not available for other purposes; must be kept separate from other funds. The proceeds of all bonds issued under authority of this Act shall at all times be kept distinct from all other moneys of the State and shall not be drawn upon or be available for any other purpose.

Sec. 6. Interest and debt retirement. Interest due or accruing upon any bonds issued under this Act and all sums coming due for payment of bonds shall be paid by the Treasurer of State.

Sec. 7. Disbursement of bond proceeds. The proceeds of such bonds shall be expended under the direction and supervision of the State Highway Commission.

Sec. 8. Contingent upon ratification of bond issue. No action shall be taken or liability incurred under this Act unless and until the people of Maine shall have ratified the issuance of bonds in behalf of the State at such times and in such amounts as set forth in this Act for the purpose of constructing, reconstructing and eliminating hazardous locations on State Route 6 from the International Boundary at Sandy Bay to the International Boundary at Vanceboro.

Referendum for ratification. The aldermen of cities, the selectmen of towns and the assessors of the several plantations of this State are empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet in the manner prescribed by law for calling and holding biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the election of Senators and Representatives, at the next general or special state-wide election to give in their votes upon the acceptance or rejection of the foregoing Act, and the question shall be:

"Shall a bond issue be ratified in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 as set forth in 'An Act to Authorize the Reconstruction and Elimination of Hazardous Locations on Portions of State Route 6', passed by the 103rd Legislature?"

The inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed within a square upon their ballots their opinion of the same, those in favor of said ratification voting "Yes" and those opposed to said ratification voting "No" and the ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings, and return made to the office of the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for Governor and Members of the Legislature, and the Governor and Council shall count the same and if it shall appear that a majority of the inhabitants voting on the question are in favor of the Act, the Governor shall forthwith make known the fact by his proclamation and the Act shall become effective in 30 days after the date of said proclamation.

Secretary of State shall prepare ballots. The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to the several cities, towns and plantations ballots and blank returns in conformity with the foregoing Act, accompanied by a copy thereof.

Effective October 7, 1967

Chapter 149

AN ACT Placing State Highway Department Employees on the Merit Service Step System.

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

State Highway Department employees placed on the merit service step system. The State Personnel Board is directed to amend the Compensation Plan of the State of Maine, as provided in the Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 634 so that the classified employees in the following classifications: Highway Maintenceman I, II, IIa III and IV, and Highway Foreman I and II of the State Highway Department, shall be placed on the same type of a step-range salary schedule as are all other classes of employees in the state service employed under the provisions of the Personnel Law and administered by the State Personnel Board. The salary grades for the above-named classifications shall be approved by the State Personnel Board. Employees shall enter the merit step system at the grade and rate as may be determined applicable and shall thereafter be accorded the opportunity to complete probation, attain permanent status, be considered for promotion and become eligible for consideration for merit increases and receive longevity step or steps as are provided for in the Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 634.

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