

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Carey of Waterville.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-ONE

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**AN ACT to Authorize Bond Issue in the Amount of \$5,940,000 for the Development and Improvement of State Park Facilities, Improvements to Various Airports, Equipment and Exhibits for Cultural Building, New State Office Building, and Maintenance Building at Augusta and State House Renovations.**

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**Preamble.** Two-thirds of both Houses of Legislature deeming it necessary in accordance with Section 14 of Article IX of the Constitution to authorize the issuance of bonds on behalf of the State of Maine to provide for capital improvements, construction, renovations, equipment and furnishings for the various State departments.

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

**Sec. 1. Issue of bonds to provide for capital improvements, construction, renovations, equipment and furnishings for various State departments.** The Treasurer of State is authorized, under the direction of the Governor and Council, to issue from time to time serial coupon bonds in the name and behalf of the State to an amount not exceeding \$5,940,000 for the purpose of raising funds to provide for such capital improvements, construction, renovations, equipment and furnishings as authorized by section 6. Said bonds shall be deemed a pledge of the faith and credit of the State. Said bonds shall not run for a longer period than 20 years from the date of the original issue thereof. Any issuance of bonds may contain a call feature at the discretion of the Treasurer of State with the approval of the Governor and Council.

**Sec. 2. Records of bonds issued to be kept by State Auditor and Treasurer.** The State Auditor shall keep an account of such bonds, showing the number

and amount of each, 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. 3. 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 unencumbered balances remaining at the completion of the projects listed in section 6 shall lapse to the debt service account established for the retirement of these bonds.

**Sec. 4. Interest and debt retirement.** Interest due or accruing upon any bonds issued under the provisions of this Act and all sums coming due for payment of bonds at maturity shall be paid by the Treasurer of State.

**Sec. 5. Disbursement of bond proceeds.** The proceeds of such bonds shall be expended under the direction and supervision of the Director of Public Improvements.

**Sec. 6. Allocations from General Fund Bond Issue.**

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PARK AND RECREATION

Development of Park Facility—Poland Spring	\$ 587,800
Complete Initial Development—Peaks-Kenney	74,200
Improvements to Existing Parks—Various	405,600
Preservation and Interpretation—Historic Sites	150,000
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TOTAL Park and Recreation Commission	\$1,217,600

AERONAUTICS

Various Airports—	
Improvements and Contingency Fund	\$ 175,000
General Improvements	
(Crash Bldg. and Ramp Extension)—Portland	270,000
General Improvements	
(Crash Bldg and Parking Apron)—Presque Isle	49,400
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TOTAL Aeronautics	\$ 494,400

CULTURAL BUILDING AUTHORITY

Continuation of Building Project	
(Equipment, Exhibits only)	\$ 167,000
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TOTAL Cultural Building Authority	\$ 167,000

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## BUREAU OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

New Office Building—Augusta	\$3,450,000	
Maintenance Building	351,000	
State House Renovations	260,000	
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TOTAL Bureau of Public Improvements	\$4,061,000	
TOTAL		\$5,940,000

The amount listed after each project is to be construed as a guide and within departments or agencies any one or more amounts may be exceeded, with the approval of the Governor and Council, by transfer from one project to another but in no instance shall a project be reduced by more than 5% of the amount listed.

**Sec. 7. Contingent upon ratification of bond issue.** Sections 1 to 6 of this Act shall not become effective unless and until the people of the State of Maine shall have ratified the issuance of bonds as set forth in this Act.

**Sec. 8. 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 regular 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 An Act to Authorize Bond Issue in the Amount of \$5,940,000 for the Development and Improvement of State Park Facilities, Improvements to Various Airports, Equipment and Exhibits for Cultural Building, New State Office Building and Maintenance Building at Augusta and State House Renovations, as passed by the 105th Maine Legislature be approved?”

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 ratification voting “Yes” and those opposed to 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 review the same and if it shall appear that a majority of the inhabitants voting on the question are in favor of said Act, the Governor shall forthwith make known the fact by his proclamation, and the Act shall thereupon 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.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

This Act includes \$5,940,000 of construction projects for the Parks and Recreation Commission, Department of Aeronautics, the Cultural Building Authority and the Bureau of Public Improvements, as recommended in the Executive Budget.