

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 121st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 723

In Senate, February 25, 2004

**An Act To Authorize Department of Transportation Bond Issues in the Amount of \$18,250,000 To Match Available Federal Funds for Improvements to and Development of Highways and Bridges; Airports; Ferry Vessels, Port Facilities and Marine Infrastructure; Rail Corridors and Structures; Intermodal Facilities; and Trail and Pedestrian Facilities**

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Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DAMON of Hancock. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)  
Cosponsored by Representative MARLEY of Portland and  
Senator: SAVAGE of Knox, Representative: McKENNEY of Cumberland.



2	<b>Highway Fund</b>	
	Highways and Bridges	\$13,500,000
4	<b>Highway Fund Total</b>	<u>\$13,500,000</u>
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	<b>General Fund</b>	
8	Ferry Vessels, Port Facilities and	
	Marine Infrastructure	\$2,150,000
10	Railroad and Intermodal Facilities	1,700,000
	Airports	250,000
12	Trail and Pedestrian Facilities	650,000
14	<b>General Fund Total</b>	<u>\$4,750,000</u>

16           **Sec. 7. Contingent upon ratification of bond issue.** Sections 1 to  
17 do not become effective unless the people of the State ratify  
18 the issuance of the bonds as set forth in this Act.

20           **Sec. 8. Appropriation balances at year-end.** At the end of each  
21 fiscal year, all unencumbered appropriation balances representing  
22 state money carry forward. Bond proceeds that have not been  
23 expended within 10 years after the date of the sale of the bonds  
24 lapse to General Fund and Highway Fund debt service.

26           **Sec. 9. Bonds authorized but not issued.** Any bonds authorized  
27 but not issued, or for which bond anticipation notes are not  
28 issued within 5 years of ratification of this Act, are  
29 deauthorized and may not be issued, except that the Legislature  
30 may, within 2 years after the expiration of that 5-year period,  
31 extend the period for issuing any remaining unissued bonds or  
32 bond anticipation notes for an additional amount of time not to  
33 exceed 5 years.

34           **Sec. 10. Referendum for ratification; submission at general election;**  
35 **form of question; effective date.** This Act must be submitted to the  
36 legal voters of the State at the next general election in the  
37 month of November following passage of this Act. The municipal  
38 officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their  
39 respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the manner  
40 prescribed by law for holding a general election, to vote on the  
41 acceptance or rejection of this Act by voting on the following  
42 question:

44           "Do you favor an \$18,250,000 bond issue for improvements to  
45 and development of highways and bridges; airports; ferry  
46 vessels, port facilities and marine infrastructure; rail  
47 corridors and structures; intermodal facilities; and trail  
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2 and pedestrian facilities that makes the State eligible for  
up to \$51,250,000 in matching federal funds?"

4 The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall  
vote by ballot on this question and designate their choice by a  
6 cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square below  
the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted,  
8 counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings  
and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as  
10 votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review  
the returns and, if a majority of the legal votes are cast in  
12 favor of this Act, the Governor shall proclaim the result without  
delay, and this Act becomes effective 30 days after the date of  
14 the proclamation.

16 The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each  
city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this  
18 Act necessary to carry out the purposes of this referendum.

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### SUMMARY

22 The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of  
\$18,250,000, will be used for improvements to and development of  
24 highways and bridges; airports; ferry vessels, port facilities  
and marine infrastructure; rail corridors and structures;  
26 intermodal facilities; and trail and pedestrian facilities.