

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1428

House of Representatives, March 16, 2004

**An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$4,822,368 To Provide Funds To Repair and Upgrade Maine Army National Guard Armories and Facilities and for the Challenger Learning Center of Maine**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative HATCH of Skowhegan.  
Under suspension of the rules, cosponsored by Senator HATCH of Somerset and Representatives: BENNETT of Caribou, Speaker COLWELL of Gardiner, FISCHER of Presque Isle, MAILHOT of Lewiston, PERRY of Bangor, TARDY of Newport, Senators: MARTIN of Aroostook, MAYO of Sagadahoc, STANLEY of Penobscot, WESTON of Waldo.

2           **Preamble.** Two thirds of both Houses of the Legislature  
deeming it necessary in accordance with the Constitution of  
4           Maine, Article IX, Section 14 to authorize the issuance of bonds  
on behalf of the State of Maine to provide funds as described in  
this Act,

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

10           **Sec. 1. Authorization of bonds.** The Treasurer of State is  
authorized, under the direction of the Governor, to issue bonds  
12           in the name and on behalf of the State in an amount not exceeding  
\$4,822,368 for the purposes described in section 6 of this Act.  
14           The bonds are a pledge of the full faith and credit of the  
State. The bonds may not run for a period longer than 10 years  
16           from the date of the original issue of the bonds. At the  
discretion of the Treasurer of State, with the approval of the  
Governor, any issuance of bonds may contain a call feature.

18           **Sec. 2. Records of bonds issued kept by Treasurer of State.** The  
20           Treasurer of State shall keep an account of each bond showing the  
number of the bond, the name of the successful bidder to whom  
22           sold, the amount received for the bond, the date of sale and the  
date when payable.

24           **Sec. 3. Sale; how negotiated; proceeds appropriated.** The  
26           Treasurer of State may negotiate the sale of the bonds by  
direction of the Governor, but no bond may be loaned, pledged or  
28           hypothecated on behalf of the State. The proceeds of the sale of  
the bonds, which must be held by the Treasurer of State and paid  
30           by the Treasurer of State upon warrants drawn by the State  
Controller, are appropriated solely for the purposes set forth in  
32           this Act. Any unencumbered balances remaining at the completion  
of the project in this Act lapse to the debt service account  
34           established for the retirement of these bonds.

36           **Sec. 4. Interest and debt retirement.** The Treasurer of State  
shall pay interest due or accruing on any bonds issued under this  
38           Act and all sums coming due for payment of bonds at maturity.

40           **Sec. 5. Disbursement of bond proceeds.** The proceeds of the  
bonds must be expended as set out in this Act under the direction  
42           and supervision of the Department of Administrative and Financial  
Services.

44           **Sec. 6. Allocations from General Fund bond issue.** The proceeds  
46           of the sale of the bonds authorized under this Act must be  
expended as designated in the following schedule.

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Capital investments for Maine Army National Guard armory and facility repairs and upgrades throughout the State \$4,522,368

Funds for the Challenger Learning Center of Maine \$300,000

**Sec. 7. Contingent upon ratification of bond issue.** Sections 1 to 6 do not become effective unless the people of the State ratify the issuance of the bonds as set forth in this Act.

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

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

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

"Do you favor a \$4,822,368 bond issue to be used for the following purposes:

1. The sum of \$4,522,368 to repair and upgrade Maine Army National Guard armories and facilities; and
2. The sum of \$300,000 to support the Challenger Learning Center of Maine?"

The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question and designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square below

2 the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted,  
3 counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings  
4 and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as  
5 votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review  
6 the returns and, if a majority of the legal votes are cast in  
7 favor of this Act, the Governor shall proclaim the result without  
8 delay, and this Act becomes effective 30 days after the date of  
9 the proclamation.

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

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### SUMMARY

16 The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of  
17 \$4,822,368, will be used for the following purposes:

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19 1. The sum of \$4,522,368 to repair and upgrade Maine Army  
20 National Guard armories and facilities located throughout the  
21 State; and

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23 2. The sum of \$300,000 to support the Challenger Learning  
24 Center of Maine.