

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 15, 2005

### **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for the Enhanced Development of Public Geographic Information**

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

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor.  
Cosponsored by Senator COWGER of Kennebec and  
Representatives: BLISS of South Portland, PINGREE of North Haven, PIOTTI of Unity,  
SAVIELLO of Wilton, SMITH of Monmouth, WATSON of Bath, Senators: DAMON of  
Hancock, MARTIN of Aroostook.

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

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

8           **Sec. 1. Authorization of bonds.** The Treasurer of State is  
9 authorized, under the direction of the Governor, to issue bonds  
10 in the name and on behalf of the State in an amount not exceeding  
11 \$6,000,000 for the purposes described in section 6 of this Act.  
12 The bonds are a pledge of the full faith and credit of the  
13 State. The bonds may not run for a period longer than 10 years  
14 from the date of the original issue of the bonds. At the  
15 discretion of the Treasurer of State, with the approval of the  
16 Governor, any issuance of bonds may contain a call feature.

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

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

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

35           **Sec. 5. Disbursement of bond proceeds.** The proceeds of the  
36 bonds must be expended as set out in this Act under the direction  
37 and supervision of the Maine Library of Geographic Information  
38 Board.

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

42           **MAINE LIBRARY OF GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION**

2 Funds for the enhanced development \$6,000,000  
of public geographic information  
4 through the Maine Library of Geographic  
Information for digitizing town  
6 parcel maps, for complete  
orthoimagery, for orthoimagery updates,  
8 for digitizing zoning and conservation  
and open space, for land cover and land  
10 use updates, for development of tracking  
applications, for data validation tools  
12 and for generic browser and viewer  
library portal upgrades.

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

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

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

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

44 "Do you favor a \$6,000,000 bond issue for the enhanced  
development of public geographic information through the  
46 Maine Library of Geographic Information for digitizing town  
parcel maps, for complete orthoimagery, for orthoimagery  
48 updates, for digitizing zoning and conservation and open

2 space, for land cover and land use updates, for development  
of tracking applications, for data validation tools and for  
generic browser and viewer library portal upgrades?"

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

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

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## SUMMARY

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The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of  
\$6,000,000, will be used for the enhanced development of public  
26 geographic information through the Maine Library of Geographic  
Information for digitizing town parcel maps, for complete  
28 orthoimagery, for orthoimagery updates, for digitizing zoning and  
conservation and open space, for land cover and land use updates,  
30 for development of tracking applications, for data validation  
tools and for generic browser and viewer library portal upgrades.