

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Senators and Representatives at the next general or special statewide election to give in their votes upon the acceptance or rejection of the foregoing Act, and the question shall be:

“Shall the State authorize bond issue in the amount of \$3,748,000 for construction of an educational wing at Central Maine Vocational-Technical Institute, a mechanicals building at Eastern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute, a multipurpose instructional building at Northern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute and a building construction facility at Southern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute, as passed by the First Regular Session of the 108th 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 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 shall review 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 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.

Effective as Provided by the Act

CHAPTER 71

AN ACT Appropriating Funds for Maine Health Systems Agency, Incorporated, to Ensure That Quality Health Services Are Available at a Reasonable Cost to all Maine People.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the 90-day period will not terminate until after the beginning of the next fiscal year; and

Whereas, costs of health care have been increasing at an annual rate of 15%, necessitating methods for their control while maintaining quality of care; and

Whereas, despite escalating costs, many residents of rural Maine are denied access to the most basic health services; and

Whereas, ordinary people are rarely involved in the planning and developing of health services designed to meet their needs; and

Whereas, the planning and developing of new health resources in rural Maine should be encouraged and coordinated by a single organization; and

Whereas, the Maine Health Systems Agency, Incorporated, is designated by the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare as the only health systems agency in Maine to accomplish the tasks of health planning and resources development as outlined by Congress in Public Law 93-641; and

Whereas, state funding would enable the Maine Health Systems Agency, Incorporated, to involve ordinary people in planning and developing quality health services for all Maine people at a reasonable cost; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Appropriation. There is appropriated to Maine Health Systems Agency, Incorporated, from the General Fund the sum of \$25,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1978 and the sum of \$25,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1979 to provide funds for Maine Health Systems Agency, Incorporated, to ensure that quality health care services are available at a reasonable cost to all Maine people.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective July 21, 1977

CHAPTER 72

AN ACT to Authorize a Bond Issue in the Amount of \$10,000,000 for Energy Conservation Improvements for State-owned Buildings and Public School Buildings.

Preamble. Two-thirds of both Houses of the Legislature deeming it necessary in accordance with the Constitution, Article IX, Section 14, to authorize the issuance of bonds on behalf of the State to provide funds for energy conservation improvements for state-owned buildings and public school buildings.

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

Sec. 1. Definitions. As used in this Act, the following terms shall have the following meanings.

1. **Energy conservation improvements.** Energy conservation improvements are improvements made to a building to increase energy efficiency.