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PROCLAMATIONS

STATE OF MAINE
PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the One Hundred and Seventh Legislature of the State of Maine, commencing upon the first Wednesday of January in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-five, duly enacted a law establishing a uniform state property tax, Public Law 1975, Chapter 660, entitled "AN ACT to Revise the Laws Relating to Funding of Public Schools", now coded as 20 MRSA Chapter 512-A and cited as "The School Finance Act of 1976" and as 36 MRSA Chapter 103, Subchapter II, and cited as "Assessment of State Property Taxes"; and

WHEREAS, written petitions bearing the signatures of 46,583 electors of this State, which number is in excess of ten percent of the total vote cast in the last gubernatorial election preceding the filing of such petitions, as required by Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 of the Constitution of Maine, were addressed to the One Hundred and Eighth Legislature of the State of Maine and were filed in the office of the Secretary of State within fifty days after the convening of the Legislature in regular session, requesting that the Legislature consider a bill entitled: "AN ACT to Repeal the State Property Tax"; and

WHEREAS, the petitioning electors further requested that should the Legislature not enact said measure without change, that said measure be referred to the People at a Special Election ordered by Proclamation of the Governor; and

WHEREAS, the initiated bill, "AN ACT to Repeal the State Property Tax", failed enactment when the House of Representatives, on April 11, 1977, and the Senate, on April 7, 1977, accepted the ought not to pass majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature enacted certain bills that are in competition with the initiated bill, specifically Public Law 1977, Chapter 48, entitled "AN ACT to Extend to April 14th the Time Limit for Decision on State Funding Levels for Education and on the State Property Tax Rate, to Delay any Municipal Tax Commitments until April 28th, and to Extend the School Budget Adoption Date until May 15th" and Public Law 1977, Chapter 109, entitled "AN ACT to Ensure that the Uniform Property Tax Rate Conforms to Limits on Educational Funding Established by Statute"; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 of the Constitution of Maine, the initiated bill, unless enacted without change, shall be submitted to the electors together with any competing measures in such manner that the people can choose between the competing measures or reject both; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 of the Constitution of Maine, such election may be held not less than four nor more than six months from the date of this Proclamation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James B. Longley, Governor of the State of Maine, acting under the provision of Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 of the Constitution of Maine, do proclaim that a special election shall be called for the first Monday in December, being the fifth day of the month, in the year of Our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-seven, at which time questions shall be presented on the ballots prepared by the Secretary of State, in such manner that the people can choose between the competing measures or reject both, and voted on by the electors of the State in accordance with the Constitutional procedure.

In Testimony Whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed. GIVFN under my hand at Augusta, this fourth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-seven.

By the Governor:

James B. Longley
Governor of the State of Maine

Markham L. Bartley
Secretary of State

STATE OF MAINE
PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

AN ACT to Repeal the State Property Tax.

WHEREAS, written petitions bearing the signatures of 46,583 electors of this State, pursuant to Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 of the Constitution of Maine, addressed to the 108th Legislature requesting enactment into law a measure entitled,

"AN ACT to Repeal the State Property Tax."

WHEREAS, the petitioning electors further requested that should the Legislature not enact said measure without change, that said measure be referred to the people at a Special Election ordered by proclamation of the Governor;

WHEREAS, Governor James B. Longley, by his proclamation dated the fourth day of August, 1977, proclaimed December 5, 1977, as the day upon which the electors of Maine would vote upon said measure;

WHEREAS, it appears by the return of votes given in by the electors of the various cities, towns and plantations voting upon said measure, upon the fifth day of December, 1977, and reviewed by the Governor on the fourteenth day of December, 1977, that a majority of said votes were in favor of this act becoming law; namely,

124,322 for, and
95,413 opposed;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James B. Longley, Governor of the State of Maine, in pursuance of the provisions of the Constitution of said State in such case provided, declare said measure adopted, to take effect and become a law thirty days after the date of his proclamation.

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta, and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine this fourteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-seven.

By the Governor:

JAMES B. LONGLEY
Governor State of Maine

MARKHAM L. GARTLEY,

Secretary of State

AN ACT to Authorize Bond Issue in the Amount of \$2,100,000 to Establish a Maine Veterans Home.

WHEREAS, the One Hundred and Eighth Legislature of the State of Maine, by an act entitled,

"AN ACT to Authorize Bond Issue in the Amount of \$2,100,000 to Establish a Maine Veterans Home,"

presented to the Governor by the Senate on July 11, 1977, and became law without his signature, which said act is known and identified as Chapter 562 of the Public Laws of 1977, enacted said measure expressly conditioned upon the people's ratification by a referendum vote on the same day as the special election to be held in accordance with the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 on 108th Legislature Initiated Bill #1: "AN ACT to Repeal the State Property Tax"; and

WHEREAS, it appears by the return of votes given in by the electors of the various cities, towns and plantations voting upon said act, upon the fifth day of December, 1977, and reviewed by the Governor on the fourteenth day of December, 1977, that a majority of said votes were in favor of this act becoming law; namely,

121,836 for, and
92,153 opposed;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James B. Longley, Governor of the State of Maine, in pursuance of the provisions of the Constitution of said State in such case provided, declare said measure adopted, to take effect and become a law thirty days after the date of this proclamation.

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta, and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine this fourteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-seven.

By the Governor:

JAMES B. LONGLEY
Governor State of Maine

MARKHAM L. GARTLEY,

Secretary of State

STATE OF MAINE
PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

AN ACT to Authorize Bond Issue in the Amount of \$11,500,000 for the Highway and Bridge Improvement Program.

WHEREAS, the One Hundred and Eighth Legislature of the State of Maine, by an act entitled,

"AN ACT to Authorize Bond Issue in the Amount of \$11,500,000 for the Highway and Bridge Improvement Program,"

passed by a concurrent vote of both branches and approved July 22, 1977, which said act is known and identified as Chapter 76 of the Private and Special Laws of 1977, enacted said measure expressly conditioned upon the people's ratification by a referendum vote on the same day as the special election to be held in accordance with the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 on 108th Legislature Initiated Bill #1: "AN ACT to Repeal the State Property Tax"; and

WHEREAS, it appears by the return of votes given in by the electors of the various cities, towns and plantations voting upon said act, upon the fifth day of December, 1977, and reviewed by the Governor on the fourteenth day of December, 1977, that a majority of said votes were in favor of this act becoming law; namely,

147,569 for, and
66,722 opposed;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James B. Longley, Governor of the State of Maine, in pursuance of the provisions of the Constitution of said State in such case provided, declare said measure adopted, to take effect and become a law thirty days after the date of this proclamation.

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta, and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine this fourteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-seven.

By the Governor:

JAMES B. LONGLEY
Governor State of Maine

MARKHAM L. GARTLEY,

Secretary of State

STATE OF MAINE
PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

AN ACT to Appropriate Money for Improvements to Airports and to Authorize General Fund Bond Issues in the Amount of \$1,800,000.

WHEREAS, the One Hundred and Eighth Legislature of the State of Maine, by an act entitled,

"AN ACT to Appropriate Money for Improvements to Airports and to Authorize General Fund Bond Issues in the Amount of \$1,800,000,"

presented to the Governor by the Senate on July 8, 1977, and became law without his signature, which said act is known and identified as Chapter 74 of the Private and Special Laws of 1977, enacted said measure expressly conditioned upon the people's ratification by a referendum vote on the same day as the special election to be held in accordance with the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 on 108th Legislature Initiated Bill #1: "AN ACT to Repeal the State Property Tax"; and

WHEREAS, it appears by the return of votes given in by the electors of the various cities, towns and plantations voting upon said act, upon the fifth day of December, 1977, and reviewed by the Governor on the fourteenth day of December, 1977, that a majority of said votes were in favor of this act becoming law; namely,

116,745 for, and
95,591 opposed;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James B. Longley, Governor of the State of Maine, in pursuance of the provisions of the Constitution of said State in such case provided, declare said measure adopted, to take effect and become a law thirty days after the date of this proclamation.

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta, and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine this fourteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-seven.

By the Governor:

MARKHAM L. GARTLEY,

JAMES B. LONGLEY
Governor State of Maine

Secretary of State

STATE OF MAINE
PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

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.

WHEREAS, the One Hundred and Eighth Legislature of the State of Maine, by and act entitled,

"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,"

presented to the Governor by the Senate on July 8, 1977, and became law without his signature, which said act is known and identified as Chapter 72 of the Private and Special Laws of 1977, enacted said measure expressly conditioned upon the people's ratification by a referendum vote on the same day as the special election to be held in accordance with the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 on 108th Legislature Initiated Bill #1: "AN ACT to Repeal the State Property Tax"; and

WHEREAS, it appears by the return of votes given in by the electors of the various cities, towns and plantations voting upon said act, upon the fifth day of December, 1977, and reviewed by the Governor on the fourteenth day of December, 1977, that a majority of said votes were in favor of this act becoming law; namely,

131,514 for, and
80,178 opposed;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James B. Longley, Governor of the State of Maine, in pursuance of the provisions of the Constitution of said State in such case provided, declare said measure adopted, to take effect and become a law thirty days after the date of this proclamation.

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta, and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine this fourteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-seven.

By the Governor:

MARKHAM L. GARTLEY ,

JAMES B. LONGLEY
Governor State of Maine

STATE OF MAINE
PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

AN ACT to 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.

WHEREAS, the One Hundred and Eighth Legislature of the State of Maine, by an act entitled,

"AN ACT to 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,"

presented to the Governor by the Senate on July 8, 1977, and became law without his signature, which said act is known and identified as Chapter 70 of the Private and Special Laws of 1977, enacted said measure expressly conditioned upon the people's ratification by a referendum vote on the same day as the special election to be held in accordance with the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 on 108th Legislature Initiated Bill #1: "AN ACT to Repeal the State Property Tax"; and

WHEREAS, it appears by the return of votes given in by the electors of the various cities, towns and plantations voting upon said act, upon the fifth day of December, 1977, and reviewed by the Governor on the fourteenth day of December, 1977, that a majority of said votes were in favor of this act becoming law; namely,

134,101 for, and
80,034 opposed;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James B. Longley, Governor of the State of Maine, in pursuance of the provisions of the Constitution of said State in such case provided, declare said measure adopted, to take effect and become a law thirty days after the date of this proclamation.

Given at the office of the
Governor at Augusta, and
sealed with the Great Seal
of the State of Maine this
fourteenth day of December,
in the Year of our Lord,
One Thousand Nine Hundred
and Seventy-seven,

By the Governor:

JAMES B. LONGLEY
Governor State of Maine

MARKHAM L. GARTLEY,

Secretary of State

STATE OF MAINE
PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

AN ACT to Authorize General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$30,000,000 for Planning, Construction and Equipment of Pollution Abatement Facilities.

WHEREAS, the One Hundred and Eighth Legislature of the State of Maine, by and act entitled,

"AN ACT to Authorize General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$30,000,000 for Planning, Construction and Equipment of Pollution Abatement Facilities,"

presented to the Governor by the Senate on July 8, 1977, and became law without his signature, which said act is known and identified as Chapter 67 of the Private and Special Laws of 1977, enacted said measure expressly conditioned upon the people's ratification by a referendum vote on the same day as the special election to be held in accordance with the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 on 108th Legislature Initiated Bill #1: "AN ACT to Repeal the State Property Tax"; and

WHEREAS, it appears by the return of votes given in by the electors of the various cities, towns and plantations voting upon said act, upon the fifth day of December, 1977, and reviewed by the Governor on the fourteenth day of December, 1977, that a majority of said votes were in favor of this act becoming law; namely,

125,760 for, and
86,047 opposed;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James B. Longley, Governor of the State of Maine, in pursuance of the provisions of the Constitution of said State in such case provided, declare said measure adopted, to take effect and become a law thirty days after the date of this proclamation.

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta, and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine this fourteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-seven.

By the Governor:

MARKHAM L. GARTLEY,

JAMES B. LONGLEY
Governor State of Maine