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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 statewide election; form of question; effective date. This Act must be submitted to the legal voters of the State of Maine at a statewide election held on the Tuesday following the first Monday 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 statewide election, to vote on the acceptance or rejection of this Act by voting on the following question:

"Do you favor a $5,500,000 bond issue for construction, purchasing and renovation of correctional facilities?"

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

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 purpose of this referendum.

Effective pending referendum.

CHAPTER 49

S.P. 705 - L.D. 1876

An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of $5,000,000 for Major Improvements and Renovations at State Park Facilities and the Restoration and Preservation of Historic Buildings

Preamble. Two thirds of both Houses of the Legislature deeming it necessary in accordance with the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 14, to authorize the issuance of bonds on behalf of the State of Maine to provide funds for major improvements and renovations at state parks and historic sites and for the restoration and preservation of historic buildings.

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

Sec. 1. Authorization of bonds to provide for major renovations and improvements at state parks and the preservation of historic buildings open to the public. The Treasurer of State is authorized, under the direction of the Governor, to issue bonds in the name and behalf of the State in an amount not exceeding $5,000,000 to raise funds for major renovations and improvements at state parks and historic sites, such as the replacement of obsolete water, septic and electrical systems, provisions for access by persons with disabilities, upgrading of sanitary facilities and other improvements necessary for continued public use, health and safety; and a matching grant program to restore and preserve historic buildings open to the public, including the State House, which is not subject to the matching requirement, as authorized by section 6. The bonds are a pledge of the full faith and credit of the State. The bonds may not run for a period longer than 5 years 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.

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

Sec. 3. Sale; how negotiated; proceeds appropriated. The Treasurer of State may negotiate the sale of the bonds by direction of the Governor, but no bond may be loaned, pledged or 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 by the Treasurer of State upon warrants drawn by the State Controller, are appropriated solely for the purposes set forth in this Act. Any unencumbered balances remaining at the completion of the project in section 6 lapse to the debt service account established for the retirement of these bonds.

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

Sec. 5. Disbursement of bond proceeds. The
proceeds of the bonds must be expended as set out in
section 6 under the direction and supervision of the Di·
rector of the Bureau of Parks and Recreation and the
Director of the Maine Historic Preservation Commis·

Sec. 6. Allocations from General Fund bond
issue; improvements and renovations at state parks
and historic sites and a matching grant program
to restore and preserve historic buildings open
to the public. The proceeds of the sale of bonds must be
expended as designated in the following schedule.

Department of Conservation,
Bureau of Parks and Recreation

To pay for major renovations and $3,500,000
improvements to facilities under the
care of the Bureau of Parks
and Recreation.

Maine Historic Preservation Commission

To pay for improvements associated $1,500,000
with the restoration and preservation
of historic buildings, including the
State House.

Total General Fund Bonds $5,000,000

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

Sec. 8. Appropriation balances at year end.
At the end of each fiscal year, all unencumbered appro·
priation 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
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to exceed 5 years.

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effective date. This Act must be submitted to the legal
evoters of the State of Maine at a statewide election held
on the Tuesday following the first Monday 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 statewide election, to vote
on the acceptance or rejection of this Act by voting on
the following question:

"Do you favor a $5,000,000 bond issue for major
renovations and improvements at state parks and for
the preservation of historic buildings open to the pub·
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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 corre·
sponding square below the word "Yes" or "No." The
ballots must be received, sorted, counted and declared
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shall review the returns and, if a majority of the legal
votes are cast in favor of the Act, the Governor shall
proclaim the result without delay, and the Act becomes
effective 30 days after the date of the proclamation.

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 purpose of
this referendum.

Effective pending referendum.

CHAPTER 50

H.P. 375 - L.D. 529

An Act to Study the Campaign Laws of the State

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

Sec. 1. Committee established. The Com·
mittee to Study the Campaign Finance Laws is estab·
lished.

Sec. 2. Committee membership. The com·
mittee consists of 5 members appointed jointly by the
President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sec. 3. Appointments; meetings. All appoint·
ments must be made no later than 30 days following the
effective date of this Act. The President of the Senate
and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall
jointly appoint the chair of the committee.

Sec. 4. Duties. The committee shall study the
campaign finance laws of the State.