

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

Augusta, Maine
2025

\$6,000,000. Said bonds may be issued to mature serially or for such periods as the trustees may determine. If the former, provisions ~~shall~~ **must** be made for the retirement of not less than 7 1/2% of the total issue annually after the first 2 years. If the latter, a sinking fund equal to at least 7 1/2% of the total issue ~~shall~~ **must** be set up annually after the first 2 years. Each bond and note ~~shall~~ **must** have inscribed upon its face the words "Rockland Port District," ~~shall~~ **must** bear interest at such rates as the trustees ~~shall~~ **may** determine, payable semiannually, and ~~shall be~~ is subject to such other provisions as the trustees ~~shall~~ **may** determine. Bonds and notes issued by said district may be made callable with or without premium on any interest date. All notes or bonds issued by said district ~~shall~~ **must** be signed by the treasurer and countersigned by the president of said district and if coupon bonds be issued, each coupon ~~shall~~ **must** be attested by the facsimile signature of the treasurer printed thereon. Said bonds and notes ~~shall be~~ **are** legal obligations of said district, which is hereby declared to be a quasi-municipal corporation within the meaning of section 136 of chapter 53 of the Revised Statutes of 1954, and all the provisions of said section ~~shall be~~ **are** applicable thereto. The said bonds and notes ~~shall be~~ **are** legal investments for trust companies and savings banks.

Sec. 3. P&SL 1951, c. 108, §5, as repealed and replaced by P&SL 1957, c. 78, §3, is amended to read:

Sec. 5. Powers. The district, through its trustees, is hereby authorized and empowered to acquire by purchase, lease or take by the exercise of the right of eminent domain, as hereinafter provided, or otherwise, and hold any land or real estate or easement therein or wharf or dock and to do all that is necessary or desirable to establish, maintain and operate in the district adequate commercial docking and wharf facilities in the district and any facilities considered necessary to support sustainable aquaculture and marine industries. All of such property, wherever located, ~~shall be~~ **is** exempt from taxation; provided, however, that nothing herein contained ~~shall~~ **may** be construed as authorizing said district to take by right of eminent domain any of the property or facilities of the city of Rockland or of any other public service corporation or district used or acquired for further use by the owner thereof in performance of a public duty unless expressly authorized thereto by subsequent act of the Legislature.

Sec. 4. P&SL 1951, c. 108, §6-A, as enacted by P&SL 1957, c. 78, §5, is amended to read:

Sec. 6-A. Authority to receive property from the city of Rockland. The city of Rockland is hereby authorized to sell and convey to said district any property, real, personal or mixed, now or hereafter owned or held by said city of Rockland for commercial docking and wharf facilities used in connection with passenger and freight transportation service by water or

for facilities capable of supporting sustainable aquaculture or marine industries and any sum or sums of money ~~which that~~ the city of Rockland may raise either by taxation or otherwise to be used for such purposes by said district.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 5
H.P. 528 - L.D. 821**

**An Act to Make Allocations
from Maine Turnpike
Authority Funds for the Maine
Turnpike Authority for the
Calendar Year Ending
December 31, 2026**

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

Sec. 1. Allocation. Gross revenues of the Maine Turnpike Authority for the calendar year ending December 31, 2026 must be segregated, apportioned and disbursed as designated in the following schedule.

MAINE TURNPIKE AUTHORITY	2026
Administration	
Personal Services	\$1,412,303
All Other	1,787,882
TOTAL	\$3,200,185
Accounts and Controls	
Personal Services	\$4,663,444
All Other	2,103,293
TOTAL	\$6,766,737
Highway Maintenance	
Personal Services	\$7,930,364
All Other	5,029,148
TOTAL	\$12,959,512
Equipment Maintenance	
Personal Services	\$1,919,744
All Other	3,439,711
TOTAL	\$5,359,455
Fare Collection	
Personal Services	\$11,455,497
All Other	4,892,710
TOTAL	\$16,348,207

Public Safety and Special Services

Personal Services	\$707,267
All Other	9,059,728
TOTAL	\$9,766,995

Building Maintenance

Personal Services	\$932,178
All Other	799,637
TOTAL	\$1,731,815

Subtotal of Line Items Budgeted \$56,132,905

General Contingency - 5% of line items budgeted for 2026 (10% allowed) \$2,806,645

MAINE TURNPIKE AUTHORITY
TOTAL REVENUE FUNDS **\$58,939,550**

Sec. 2. Transfer of allocations. Any balance of the allocation for “General Contingency” made by the Legislature for the Maine Turnpike Authority may be transferred at any time prior to the closing of the books to any other allocation or subdivision of any other allocation made by the Legislature for the use of the Maine Turnpike Authority for the same calendar year. Any balance of any other allocation or subdivision of any other allocation made by the Legislature for the Maine Turnpike Authority that at any time is not required for the purpose named in the allocation or subdivision may be transferred at any time prior to the closing of the books to any other allocation or subdivision of any other allocation made by the Legislature for the use of the Maine Turnpike Authority for the same calendar year subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters. Financial statements describing the transfer, other than a transfer from “General Contingency,” must be submitted by the Maine Turnpike Authority to the Office of Fiscal and Program Review 30 days before the transfer is to be implemented. In case of extraordinary emergency transfers, the 30-day prior submission requirement may be waived by vote of the committee. These financial statements must include information specifying the accounts that are affected, amounts to be transferred, a description of the transfer and a detailed explanation as to why the transfer is needed.

Sec. 3. Encumbered balance at year-end. At the end of each calendar year, encumbered balances may be carried to the next calendar year.

Sec. 4. Supplemental information. As required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1961, subsection 6, the following statement of the revenues in 2026 that are necessary for capital expenditures and reserves and to meet the requirements of any resolution authorizing bonds of the Maine Turnpike Authority during 2026, including debt service and the

maintenance of reserves for debt service and reserve maintenance, is submitted.

Turnpike Revenue Bond Resolution Adopted April 18, 1991; Issuance of Bonds Authorized Pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1968, subsections 1 and 2-A **2026**

Debt Service Fund \$44,392,528

Reserve Maintenance Fund 42,000,000

General Reserve Fund, to be applied as follows:

Capital Improvements 43,441,746

Debt Service Fund under the General Special Obligation Bond Resolution Adopted May 15, 1996; Issuance of Bonds Authorized Pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1968, subsection 2-A 2,442,800

TOTAL **\$132,277,074**

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 6

S.P. 601 - L.D. 1483

An Act to Validate Certain Referendum Proceedings Conducted by the City of South Portland

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

Whereas, the City of South Portland is authorized pursuant to state law and its charter to borrow money and to issue its general obligation bonds and notes in furtherance of its municipal purposes; and

Whereas, at a city referendum held November 5, 2024, the voters of the city ratified and approved 2 bond ordinances, the first for \$1,000,000 for school maintenance and improvements and the second for \$3,000,000 for school safety improvements, all as described in the bond ordinances submitted to a referendum vote; and

Whereas, at the same city referendum held November 5, 2024, the voters of the city ratified and approved a charter amendment regarding the disposition of certain city-owned property; and

Whereas, each bond ordinance was approved by the voters of the city as follows: Question 1, school maintenance and improvements: 11,165 in favor and 3,431 against, with 608 blank ballots; and Question 2,