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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

Augusta, Maine
2025

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, school safety improvements: 10,584 in favor and 4,002 against, with 624 blank ballots; and

Whereas, the charter amendment was approved by the voters of the city as follows: 11,807 in favor and 2,370 against, with 801 blank ballots; and

Whereas, the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 5772, subsection 2-A requires that any question submitted to the electors for ratification of a general obligation bond be accompanied by a statement signed by the treasurer of the municipality setting forth certain information about the municipality's outstanding and unpaid bonds, its authorized and unissued bonds and the total principal amount and the interest cost of the proposed bonds that are the subject of the referendum vote; and

Whereas, Title 21-A, section 622-A requires that the notice of election contain the referendum questions for that election; and

Whereas, due to inadvertent oversight, although the 2 bond ordinances submitted to the voters were accompanied by a statement setting forth the required information about the city's bonded debt, the statement was not signed by the treasurer of the city as required by Title 30-A, section 5772, subsection 2-A; and

Whereas, prior to the referendum, the South Portland city council held a first reading, a public hearing and a second reading on the 2 bond ordinances, a summary of the 2 bond ordinances was posted in the city hall 7 days prior to the public hearing, the South Portland school department held a public hearing on the 2 bond ordinances, the municipal clerk posted the bond ordinances and the specimen ballots setting forth the referendum questions on the bond ordinances in public and conspicuous places in each voting district in the city at least 7 days prior to the referendum, and posted this information at each voting place on election day, and the municipal clerk published a summary of the 2 bond ordinances in the Portland Press Herald not less than 10 days nor more than 15 days prior to the referendum; and

Whereas, the failure to include the signed statement required by Title 30-A, section 5772, subsection 2-A and the failure to include the 2 bond ordinance questions in the notice of election create a legal technicality that could affect the marketability of the bonds or notes to be issued by the city in connection with the projects; 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:

Sec. 1. Validation and authorization. Notwithstanding any provision of the Maine Revised Statutes or the charter of the City of South Portland to the contrary, the City of South Portland referendum conducted on November 5, 2024 with respect to the 2 bond ordinance questions and the charter amendment question and the proceedings related to that referendum are validated and made effective. The City of South Portland is authorized to enter into contracts and to issue bonds or notes of the city in an amount not to exceed $1,000,000 to finance school maintenance and improvements and $3,000,000 to finance school safety improvements, all as set forth in the respective bond ordinances. The City of South Portland's charter is amended to reflect the approved changes as set forth in the charter amendment question.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 9, 2025.

CHAPTER 7

H.P. 1274 - L.D. 1913

An Act to Allow Matinicus Isle Plantation to Issue a Revenue Bond for Urgently Needed Repairs to the Plantation's Electric Power Generating Facility

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

Whereas, this legislation must take effect before the end of the 90-day period so that Matinicus Isle Plantation can replace an essential part of its electric power generating facility before it fails; 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:

Sec. 1. P&SL 1975, c. 25, §4 is amended to read:

Sec. 4. The plantation is also authorized to issue general obligation bonds, not to exceed the general law, to pay the cost of the acquisition, construction, ~~reconsrtuction~~ reconstruction, improvement, extension and enlargement of, and equipment for, the electric power generating facility. ~~Schedules for the payment of~~