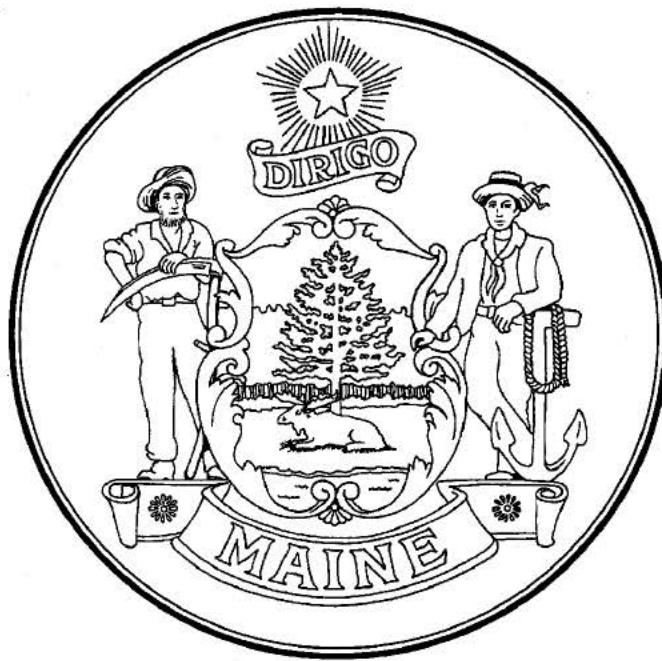


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ELECTIONS - 1959

(Oct.)

Referendum Questions

In Accordance with Acts Passed by the
99th Legislature

\$3,900,000 Bond Issue-Bridge Across
Passagassawaukeag River

\$13,000,000 Bond Issue-Highway
Construction

\$10,000,000 Bond Issue-Housing at
University of Maine

\$3,950,000 Bond Issue-Capital Improve-
ments, Etc., for General Fund
Purposes

Ferry Service for Long Island Plantation

Including

Brief Explanatory Statements by the
Attorney General as to Intent
and Content of each



1959

To be Voted Upon at the Special Election,
Monday, October 12, 1959

STATE OF MAINE
SUMMARY OF BONDED INDEBTEDNESS AS
OF OCTOBER 12, 1959

Highway and Bridge Loan	\$30,400,000
*Waldo-Hancock Bridge Loan	45,000
Kennebec Bridge Loan	925,000
Bangor-Brewer Bridge Loan	2,250,000
Fore River Bridge Loan	7,000,000
Jonesport Reach Bridge Loan	920,000
Island Ferry Service Loan	2,500,000
	\$44,040,000

*As of May 31, 1959 there is cash on deposit in the amount of \$67,752.36 available for the payment of the Waldo-Hancock Bridge Loan.

Total amount of bonds authorized and unissued \$31,500,000

Total amount of bonds contemplated to be issued if Referendum questions 1-2-3-4 are ratified by the people \$30,850,000

CHAPTER 126, PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS
of 1959

AN ACT to Authorize the Construction of a Bridge
Across the Passagassawaukeag River.

Preamble. Two-thirds of both houses of the Legislature deeming it necessary in accordance with Section 14 of Article IX of the Constitution of Maine:

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

Sec. 1. State Highway Commission authorized to construct bridge. The State Highway Commission is authorized to construct a bridge across the Passagassawaukeag River in the City of Belfast, in the County of Waldo, with highway approaches thereto, at an estimated cost of \$3,900,000. The cost of said bridge, with the highway approaches thereto, shall be taken and appropriated from the proceeds of bonds issued under authority of this act.

Sec. 2. Treasurer of State to issue bonds. The Treasurer of State is authorized, under the direction of the Governor and Council, to issue from time to time serial coupon bonds in the name and behalf of the State to an amount not exceeding \$3,900,000 for the purpose of raising funds for the construction of said bridge and approaches, as provided in this act. Said bonds shall be deemed a pledge of the faith and credit of the State.

Sec. 3. Records of bonds issued to be kept by State Auditor and Treasurer of State. The State Auditor shall keep an account of such bonds, showing the number and amount of each, the date of

countersigning, the date when payable and the date of delivery thereof to the Treasurer of State, who shall keep an account of each bond, showing the number thereof, the name of the person to whom sold, the amount received for the same, the date of sale and the date when payable.

Sec. 4. Sale, how negotiated; proceeds appropriated. The Treasurer of State may negotiate the sale of such bonds by direction of the Governor and Council; but no such bond shall be loaned, pledged or hypothecated in behalf of the State. The proceeds of the sales of such bonds, which shall be held by the Treasurer of State and paid by him upon warrants drawn by the Governor and Council, are appropriated to be used solely for the purposes set forth in this act. Any balance unexpended shall not lapse, but shall be carried forward to the same account to be used only for the purposes herein set forth.

Sec. 5. Proceeds of bonds not available for other purposes; must be kept separate from other funds. The proceeds of all bonds issued under authority of this act shall at all times be kept distinct from all other moneys of the State and shall not be drawn upon or be available for any other purpose.

Sec. 6. Interest and debt retirement. Interest due or accruing upon any bonds issued under this act and all sums coming due for payment of bonds at maturity shall be paid by the Treasurer of State.

Sec. 7. Disbursement of bond proceeds. The proceeds of such bonds shall be expended under the direction and supervision of the State Highway Commission.

Sec. 8. Contingent upon ratification of bond issue. No action shall be taken or liability incurred under this act unless and until the people of Maine shall have ratified the issuance of bonds in behalf of the State at such times and in such amounts as set forth in this act for the purpose of building a bridge across the Passagassawaukeag River at Belfast.

Sec. 9. Use of old bridge. When the construction of the bridge authorized by this act has been completed, the State Highway Commission shall close the old bridge to all but pedestrian traffic and cause such reconstruction of said bridge as may be necessary to adapt the bridge for this purpose only.

Thereafter, the bridge shall be maintained by the City of Belfast.

Referendum for ratification. The aldermen of cities, the selectmen of towns and the assessors of the several plantations of this State are empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet in the manner prescribed by law for calling and holding

biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the election of Senators and Representatives, at the next general or special state-wide election to give in their votes upon the acceptance or rejection of the foregoing act, and the question shall be: "Shall a bond issue be ratified in an amount not to exceed \$3,900,000 as set forth in 'An Act to Authorize the Construction of a Bridge Across the Passagassawaukeag River at Belfast,' passed by the 99th 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 said ratification voting "Yes" and those opposed to said 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 and Council shall count 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 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.

Approved April 29, 1959

The following is a brief explanatory statement prepared by the Attorney General in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 10, Section 19 of the Revised Statutes of 1954 with reference to the Intent and Content of Chapter 126 of the Private and Special Laws of 1959 entitled, "AN ACT to Authorize the Construction of a Bridge Across the Passagassawaukeag River."

Intent

It is the intent of Chapter 126, Private and Special Laws, 1959, to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Passagassawaukeag River, in the City of Belfast, in Waldo County.

Content

The Act provides that the State Highway Commission shall construct the bridge at a cost not exceeding \$3,900,000. The Act also provides that the State shall issue serial coupon bonds in an amount not to exceed \$3,900,000 for the construction of said bridge, the bonds to be deemed a pledge of the faith and credit of the State, payable within 20 years from the date of issue.

**CHAPTER 129, PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS
OF 1959**

AN ACT to Authorize the Issuance of Bonds in the Amount of Thirteen Million Dollars on Behalf of the State of Maine for the Purpose of Building State Highways.

Preamble. Two-thirds of both Houses of Legislature deeming it necessary in accordance with Section 14 of Article IX of the Constitution to authorize the issuance of bonds on behalf of the State of Maine for the purpose of building state highways.

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

Sec. 1. Bond issue of \$13,000,000 authorized. In addition to state highway and bridge bonds heretofore authorized in the name and behalf of the State, as provided by law, the Treasurer of State is hereby authorized, under the direction of the Governor and Council, to issue from time to time, serial coupon bonds in the name and behalf of the State to an amount not exceeding \$13,000,000 payable serially at the State Treasury within 20 years from the date of issue. Such bonds and coupons shall be of such denominations and form and upon such terms and conditions, not inconsistent herewith, as the Governor and Council shall direct. The proceeds from the sale of said bonds shall be used for construction or reconstruction of roads and bridges in accordance with allocations made by the Legislature.

The said bonds shall be deemed a pledge of the faith and credit of the State. The said bonds shall be issued from time to time so as to meet the needs of the road-building program. Said bonds when paid at maturity or otherwise retired shall not be reissued, but may be refunded on terms more favorable to the State than those in the original issue.

Sec. 2. Contingent upon ratification of bond issue. Section 1 of this act shall not become effective unless and until the people of the State of Maine shall have ratified the issuance of bonds as set forth in this act.

Sec. 3. Declaration of intent. It is the intent of the 99th Legislature that if the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$13,000,000 is authorized by the Legislature and ratified by the people of the State of Maine in the referendum as provided for in this act, the allocation for Special State Aid Construction for the biennium July 1, 1961-June 30, 1963 shall be in the amount of \$1,000,000 annually.

Sec. 4. Referendum for ratification. The aldermen of cities, the selectmen of towns, and the assessors of the several plantations of this State are hereby empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet in the manner prescribed by law

for calling and holding biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the election of Senators and Representatives, at the next general or special state-wide election, to give in their votes upon the acceptance or rejection of the foregoing act, and the question shall be:

"Shall a bond issue be ratified for the purposes set forth in 'An Act to Authorize the Issuance of Bonds in the Amount of Thirteen Million Dollars on Behalf of the State of Maine for the Purpose of Building State Highways,' passed by the 99th Legislature?"

And 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 and Council shall count the same and if it shall appear that a majority of the inhabitants voting on the question are in favor of said 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 provisions of the foregoing act, accompanied by a copy thereof.

Approved April 29, 1959

The following is a brief explanatory statement prepared by the Attorney General in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 10, Section 19 of the Revised Statutes of 1954 with reference to the Intent and Content of Chapter 129 of the Private and Special Laws of 1959 entitled, "AN ACT to Authorize the Issuance of Bonds in the Amount of Thirteen Million Dollars on Behalf of the State of Maine for the Purpose of Building State Highways."

Intent

It is the intent of this Act to obtain funds to be used for construction or reconstruction of roads and bridges in the State of Maine.

Content

The Act provides that funds shall be raised by the sale of serial coupon bonds in an amount not to exceed \$13,000,000.

Under the provision of sections 129-310, Chapter 23, of the Revised Statutes, the Economic Advisory

Board shall make recommendations to the Governor and Council relative to conditions favorable to the issuance of such bonds, taking into consideration the method of issuance, terms of years and repayment, interest rates and probable trends, and other economic conditions in general.

CHAPTER 174, PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS OF 1959

AN ACT to Authorize the Construction of Housing for the University of Maine and the Issuance of not Exceeding \$10,000,000 Bonds of the State of Maine for the Financing Thereof.

Preamble. Two-thirds of both houses of the Legislature deeming it necessary in accordance with Section 14 of Article IX of the Constitution of Maine to authorize the issuance of bonds of the State for the construction of housing for the University of Maine and the payment of notes heretofore issued for such purpose.

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

Sec. 1. University of Maine authorized to construct housing. The University of Maine, hereinafter sometimes called the "University", is hereby authorized to construct, acquire or improve housing, including dormitories and dining halls and married student and faculty housing, with utility approaches thereto and furnishings therein, at costs not to exceed \$10,000,000. The cost of such housing construction, acquisition or improvement, including any expenses incurred in the financing thereof, shall be taken and appropriated from the proceeds of bonds issued under the authority of this act.

Sec. 2. University housing. The University shall operate such housing when constructed as a self-liquidating project until all the bonds issued as provided by this act shall be retired and all the expenses incurred hereunder shall be paid. The University shall charge and collect such board and room fees or rentals for the use of said housing as may from time to time be determined and ordered by the Board of Trustees of the University, having due regard to the value of the services rendered, the cost of upkeep, maintenance, repairs and operation, and amortization of the principal of and interest on the bonds issued, and shall pay to the Treasurer of State for said amortization and interest the amount so charged and collected in excess of such cost of upkeep, maintenance, repairs and operation.

Sec. 3. Treasurer of State to issue bonds. The Treasurer of State is hereby authorized, under the direction of the Board of Trustees of the University with the approval of the Governor and Council, to issue bonds from time to time in the name and on behalf of the State to an amount not exceeding ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) for the purpose of raising funds for the construction of said housing,

as provided in this act, and for the payment of notes heretofore issued by the University or its Board of Trustees for the construction of housing at the University and now outstanding. Such bonds shall be general obligations of the State of Maine and the full faith and credit of the State shall be pledged to the bonds.

Such bonds shall be issued in series from time to time so as to meet the needs of the University for housing and for the payment of such notes.

The bonds of each series shall be dated, shall mature at such time or times not exceeding 40 years from their date, and may be made redeemable before maturity, at the option of the Treasurer of State, at such price or prices and under such terms and conditions as may be approved by the Governor and Council prior to the issuance of the bonds, and shall bear interest at such rate or rates not exceeding 5% per annum, as may be determined by the Treasurer of State with the approval of the Board of Trustees of the University.

The Treasurer of State with the approval of the Governor and Council shall determine the form of the bonds, including any interest coupons to be attached thereto, and shall fix the denomination or denominations of the bonds and the place or places of payment of principal and interest, which may include any bank or trust company within or without the State.

The bonds shall be signed by the Treasurer of State and countersigned by the State Auditor and any interest coupons attached thereto shall be executed with the facsimile signature of the Treasurer of State. In case any officer whose signature or a facsimile of whose signature shall appear on any bonds or coupons shall cease to be such officer before the delivery of such bonds, such signature or such facsimile shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes, the same as if he had remained in office until such delivery. The bonds may be issued in coupon or registered form or both, as the Treasurer of State may determine, and provision may be made for the registration of any coupon bonds as to principal alone and also as to both principal and interest, for the reconversion into coupon bonds of any bonds registered as to both principal and interest, and for the interchange of coupon and registered bonds.

Sec. 4. Records of bonds issued to be kept by State Auditor and Treasurer of State. The State Auditor shall keep an account of such bonds, showing the number and amount of each, the date of countersigning, the date when payable and the date of delivery thereof to the Treasurer of State, who shall keep an account of each bond, showing the number thereof, the name of the person to whom sold, the amount received for the same, the date of sale and the date when payable.

Sec. 5. Sale, how negotiated; proceeds appropriated. The Treasurer of State may negotiate the sale of such bonds by direction of the Board of Trustees of the University with the approval of the Governor and Council. The proceeds of the sales of such bonds, which shall be held by the Treasurer of State and paid by him upon warrants drawn by the Board of Trustees of the University, are hereby appropriated to be used solely for the purposes set forth in this act. Any balance unexpended shall not lapse, but shall be carried forward to the same account to be used only for the purposes set forth herein.

Sec. 6. Proceeds of bonds not available for other purposes; must be kept separate from other funds. The proceeds of all bonds issued under the authority of this act, and the funds made available for interest and debt retirement thereunder shall at all times be kept distinct from all other moneys of the State and shall not be drawn upon or be available for any other purpose.

Sec. 7. Interest and debt retirement. Interest due or accruing upon any bonds issued under this act and all sums coming due for payment of bonds at maturity shall be paid by the Treasurer of State.

Sec. 8. Disbursement of bond proceeds. The proceeds of such bonds shall be expended under the direction and supervision of the Board of Trustees of the University.

Sec. 9. Other sources of funds. This act shall not in any manner preclude the University from obtaining construction funds in any other ways or from any other sources; or from accepting from any authorized agency of the Federal Government loans or grants for the planning, construction or acquisition of any project; or from entering into agreements with such agency respecting any such loans or grants.

Sec. 10. Contingent upon ratification of bond issue. No action shall be taken or liability incurred under this act unless and until the electors of the State of Maine shall have ratified the issuance of bonds in behalf of the State at such time and in such amounts as set forth in this act for the purpose of constructing university housing and paying notes heretofore issued for such purpose.

Referendum for ratification. The aldermen of cities, the selectmen of towns and the assessors of the several plantations of this State are hereby empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet in the manner prescribed by law for calling and holding biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the election of Senators and Representatives at the next general or special state-wide election to give in their votes upon the acceptance or rejection of the foregoing act, and the question shall be:

"Shall 'An Act to Authorize the Construction of Housing for the University of Maine and the Issuance of not Exceeding \$10,000,000 Bonds of the State of Maine for the Financing Thereof,' passed by the 99th Legislature, be accepted?"

The inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations shall vote by ballot on said question and shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed against the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same. 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 and Council shall count 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 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.

Approved June 13, 1959

The following is a brief explanatory statement prepared by the Attorney General in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 10, Section 19 of the Revised Statutes of 1954 with reference to the Intent and Content of Chapter 174 of the Private and Special Laws of 1959 entitled, "AN ACT to Authorize the Construction of Housing for the University of Maine and the Issuance of not Exceeding \$10,000,000 Bonds of the State of Maine for the Financing Thereof."

Intent

This Act proposes to raise funds for the purpose of constructing, acquiring or improving housing, including dormitories and dining halls, and married student and faculty housing at the University of Maine, and for the payment of notes heretofore issued by the University for the construction of housing at the University and now outstanding.

Content

The Act would authorize the Treasurer of State, under the direction of the Board of Trustees of the University, with the approval of the Governor and Council, to issue bonds to an amount not exceeding \$10,000,000 to raise funds for such projects. The bonds would be payable within 40 years from date of issue.

**CHAPTER 175, PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS
OF 1959**

AN ACT to Authorize General Fund Bond Issue in Amount of Three Million Nine Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars and to Appropriate Moneys for Capital Improvements, Construction, Repairs, Equipment, Supplies and Furnishings for Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1960 and June 30, 1961.

Preamble. Two-thirds of both Houses of Legislature deeming it necessary in accordance with Section 14 of Article IX of the Constitution to authorize the issuance of bonds on behalf of the State of Maine to provide construction, repairs, equipment, supplies and furnishings.

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

'CHAPTER A

Sec. 1. Issue of bonds to provide for construction, repairs, equipment, supplies and furnishings. The Treasurer of State is authorized, under the direction of the Governor and Council, to issue from time to time serial coupon bonds in the name and behalf of the State to an amount not exceeding \$3,950,000 for the purpose of raising funds to provide for such construction, repairs, equipment, supplies and furnishings, as authorized by section 6. Said bonds shall be deemed a pledge of the faith and credit of the State. Said bonds shall not run for a longer period than 10 years from the date of the original issue thereof.

Sec. 2. Records of bonds issued to be kept by State Auditor and Treasurer. The State Auditor shall keep an account of such bonds, showing the number and amount of each, the date of counter-signing, the date when payable and the date of delivery thereof to the Treasurer of State, who shall keep an account of each bond, showing the number thereof, the name of the person to whom sold, the amount received for the same, 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 such bonds by direction of the Governor and Council; but no such bond shall be loaned, pledged or hypothecated in behalf of the State. The proceeds of the sales of such bonds, which shall be held by the Treasurer of State and paid by him upon warrants drawn by the Governor and Council, are appropriated to be used solely for the purposes set forth in Chapter A of this act. Any balance unexpended shall not lapse, but shall be carried forward from year to year to be used only for the purposes set forth herein.

Sec. 4. Interest and debt retirement. Interest due or accruing upon any bonds issued under the

provisions of Chapter A of this act and all sums coming due for payment of bonds at maturity shall be paid by the Treasurer of State from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Sec. 5. Disbursement of bond proceeds. The proceeds of such bonds shall be expended under the direction and supervision of the Director of the Bureau of Public Improvements.

Sec. 6. Allocations from General Fund Bond Issue.

Department	1959-60	1960-61
ADJUTANT GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF		
Augusta Armory Minor Repairs	\$ 4,759	\$ —
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF		
Museum, Phase #2	17,800	—
EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF		
Farmington State Teachers College Home Economics and Science Building	841,500	—
Fort Kent State Normal School Women's Dormitory	221,900	—
Gorham State Teachers College Classroom Building	747,300	—
Maine Vocational Technical Institute Classroom Building	—	110,600
Total Education, Department of	1,810,700	110,600
HEALTH AND WELFARE, DEPARTMENT OF		
Community General Hospital in Fort Fairfield New Tuberculosis Hospital Building	533,400	—

The Commissioner of Health and Welfare is authorized to construct in the name of the State of Maine an annex to the Community General Hospital in Fort Fairfield to serve the needs of the people of Maine for the care and treatment of persons affected with tuberculosis.

The trustees of the Community General Hospital in Fort Fairfield are authorized to convey sufficient land to the State of Maine for the purposes of the construction and the Commissioner of Health and Welfare is authorized to accept in the name of the State of Maine such conveyance.

The Commissioner of Health and Welfare is authorized to contract with the trustees of the Community General Hospital for necessary services after the construction. Such services shall include, but not be limited to, food, heat, sewerage, water and other services necessary for the well-being of the patients in the annex.

The Commissioner of Health and Welfare is authorized to accept for the State of Maine any federal funds available for the construction authorized by this act and such funds shall be credited to the General Fund.

Department	1959-60	1960-61
INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF		
School for Girls		
Engineer's Apartment	\$ 11,700	\$ —
MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY		
Classroom and Corridor	166,100	—
STATE PARK COMMISSION		
Park Development—Moosehead State Park—Lily Bay	150,000	—
UNIVERSITY OF MAINE		
Renovations to Wingate Hall	50,000	—
College of Education Building	820,000	—
Contingencies	39,546	—
Total University of Maine	909,546	—
AERONAUTICS COMMISSION		
Grants to Cities and Towns		
Aid to Municipalities for Airport Construction	153,045	73,550
Total Allocations	\$3,757,050	\$184,150

Amounting to \$3,757,050 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1960 and \$184,150 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1961.

Sec. 7. Contingent upon ratification of bond issue. Sections 1 to 6 of Chapter A of this act shall not become effective unless and until the people of the State of Maine shall have ratified the issuance of bonds as set forth in Chapter A of this act.

Sec. 8. Referendum for ratification. The aldermen of cities, the selectmen of towns, and the assessors of the several plantations of this State are hereby empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet in the manner prescribed by law for calling and holding biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the election of Senators and Representatives, at the next general or special state-wide election, to give in their votes upon the acceptance or rejection of Chapter A of the foregoing act, and the question shall be:

“Shall a bond issue be ratified for the purposes set forth in ‘An Act to Authorize General Fund Bond Issue in Amount of Three Million Nine Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars and to Appropriate Moneys for Capital Improvements, Construction, Repairs, Equipment, Supplies and Furnishings for Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1960 and June 30, 1961,’ passed by the 99th 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 and Council shall count the same and if it shall appear that a majority of the inhabitants voting on the question are in favor of Chapter A of said act, the Governor shall forthwith make known the fact by his proclamation, and Chapter A of 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 Chapter A of the foregoing act, accompanied by a copy thereof.

Approved June 13, 1959

The following is a brief explanatory statement prepared by the Attorney General in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 10, Section 19 of the Revised Statutes of 1954 with reference to the Intent and Content of Chapter 175 of the Private and Special Laws of 1959 entitled, “AN ACT to Authorize General Fund Bond Issue in Amount of Three Million Nine Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars

and to Appropriate Moneys for Capital Improvements, Construction, Repairs, Equipment, Supplies and Furnishings for Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1960 and June 30, 1961."

Intent

The intent of this Act is to raise funds for capital improvements, construction and repair, equipment, supplies and furnishings, for institutions and departments maintained by the State.

Content

The Act would authorize the Treasurer of State, under the direction of the Governor and Council, to issue bonds to an amount not exceeding \$3,950,000 to raise funds for the aforesaid purpose. The bonds will be a pledge of the faith and credit of the State, and payable within 10 years from the date of issue.

The projects would include work or supplies and equipment on the Augusta Armory; the State museum; the vocational school and the several teachers' colleges maintained by the State; a new tuberculosis hospital building in Fort Fairfield; Maine Maritime Academy; State School for Girls; the University of Maine; development of parks by the State Park Commission; and aid to cities and towns by the Aeronautics Commission for airport construction.

CHAPTER 125, PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS OF 1959

AN ACT Permitting Ferry Service for Long Island Plantation.

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

Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1929, c. 114, § 1, sub-§ (e), amended. Subsection (e) of section 1 of chapter 114 of the private and special laws of 1929, as enacted by section 11 of chapter 190 of the private and special laws of 1957, is amended to read as follows:

'(e) Ferry service for North Haven, Vinalhaven, Islesboro, Swan's Island and Long Island Plantation. It shall be the duty of the Maine Port Authority to operate a ferry line or lines between the mainland and the Towns of North Haven, Vinalhaven, Islesboro and Swan's Island for the purpose of transporting vehicles, freight and passengers to and from said towns, and the Maine Port Authority may operate such ferry line or lines to and from Long Island Plantation.'

Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1957, c. 190, § 1, amended. Section 1 of chapter 190 of the private and special laws of 1957 is amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 1. Ferry service for North Haven, Vinalhaven, Islesboro, Swan's Island and Long Island Plantation. It shall be the duty of the Maine Port

Authority to operate a ferry line or lines between the mainland and the Towns of North Haven, Vinalhaven, Islesboro and Swan's Island for the purpose of transporting vehicles, freight and passengers to and from said towns, and the Maine Port Authority may operate such ferry line or lines to and from Long Island Plantation.

Referendum for ratification. The aldermen of cities, the selectmen of towns and the assessors of the several plantations of this State are empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet in the manner prescribed by law for calling and holding biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the election of Senators and Representatives at the next general or special state-wide election, to give in their votes upon the acceptance or rejection of the foregoing act, and the question shall be:

"Shall 'An Act Permitting Ferry Service for Long Island Plantation,' passed by the 99th Legislature, be accepted?"

The inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations shall vote by ballot on said question and shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed against the words "Yes" and "No" their opinion of the same. 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 and Council shall count 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 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.'

Approved April 28, 1959

The following is a brief explanatory statement prepared by the Attorney General in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 10, Section 19 of the Revised Statutes of 1954 with reference to the Intent and Content of Chapter 125 of the Private and Special Laws of 1959 entitled, "AN ACT Permitting Ferry Service for Long Island Plantation."

Intent

In 1957, at a special election held on Monday, September 9, the voters of the State of Maine approved the issue and sale of bonds in an amount not exceeding \$2,500,000 for the purpose of having the Maine Port Authority establish a ferry service for

the transportation of vehicles, freight and passengers, between the mainland and the island towns of North Haven, Vinalhaven, Islesboro and Swan's Island.

It is the intent of this Act to broaden the ferry service by extending such service to and from Long Island Plantation.

Content

The Act, by simple amendment, adds Long Island Plantation to the enumerated places scheduled to receive the ferry service.

Tolls will be charged for the use of the ferry line by vehicles, freight and passengers, to retire any bonds issued and to provide for the expense and maintenance of the line.

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