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Referendum Questions

and

Proposed Constitutional Amendments

In Accordance with Acts and
Resolves Passed by the
102nd Legislature

Bond Issues

1. \$3,960,000 for Self-liquidating Student Housing and Dining Facilities for State Teachers Colleges and Vocational-Technical Institutes.
2. \$9,600,000 to Build State Highways.
3. \$6,000,000 for University of Maine Construction of Housing.
4. \$6,970,000 for University of Maine Capital Improvements, Construction and Repairs.
5. \$500,000 for Boys Training Center, Maine State Prison and Stevens Training Center Construction and Renovations.
6. \$500,000 to Establish York County Regional Vocational Education Center or Centers.

Constitutional Amendments

1. Eliminating Voting Restrictions on Paupers.
2. Pledging Credit of State for Guaranteed Loans on Personal Property for Industrial Purposes.
3. Pledging Credit of State for Guaranteed Loans for Recreational Purposes. (\$10,000,000 Bond Issue)

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



1965

To Be Voted Upon at the Special Election,
Tuesday, November 2, 1965

STATE OF MAINE

SUMMARY OF BONDED INDEBTEDNESS AS OF NOVEMBER 2, 1965

Highway and Bridge Loan	\$ 27,850,000
Kennebec Bridge Loan	550,000
Bangor-Brewer Bridge Loan	195,000
Fore River Bridge Loan	6,000,000
Jonesport Reach Bridge Loan	680,000
Island Ferry Service Loan	2,000,000
General Improvement Loan	15,040,000
State Teachers College Loan	3,975,000
University of Maine Loan	9,800,000
Educational Television Loan	1,200,000
Deer Isle-Sedgwick Bridge Loan	54,000

Total amount of Bonds issued and outstanding	\$ 67,344,000
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Highway and Bridge Loan	\$20,500,000
Mortgage Insurance Loan	40,000,000
State Teachers College Loan	3,000
Maine Maritime Academy Loan	475,000
General Fund Loan	20,502,000

Total amount of Bonds authorized but unissued	\$ 81,480,000
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Total State Bonded Debt currently authorized	\$148,824,000
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Total amount of bonds contemplated to be issued if Referendum questions are ratified by the people	\$ 37,530,000
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CHAPTER 162, PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS OF 1965

AN ACT to Authorize Construction of Self-Liquidating Student Housing and Dining Facilities for the State Teachers Colleges and Vocational-Technical Institutes and the Issuance of Not Exceeding \$3,960,000 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 self-liquidating student housing and necessary dining facilities for the State Teachers Colleges and Vocational-Technical Institutes:

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

Sec. 1. State Board of Education authorized to construct self-liquidating student housing and dining

facilities. The State Board of Education, hereinafter in this Act called the state board, is hereby authorized to construct at the state teachers colleges and vocational-technical institutes student housing and dining facilities, including additions to existing dormitories, together with furnishings and dining facilities therein, and utility approaches thereto, and expenses for financing, as listed below:

At Aroostook State Teachers College—	
Men's Dormitory	\$ 400,000
Central Dining Facility	455,000

At Farmington State Teachers College—	
Men's Dormitory Wing	706,000
Women's Dormitory	664,000

At Fort Kent State Teachers College—	
Central Dining Facility	268,000

At Gorham State Teachers College—	
Women's (Upton Hall) Dormitory Wing	947,000

At Central Maine Vocational Institute—	
Combination Dormitory-Cafeteria	309,000

Total Housing and Dining Facilities	3,749,000
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Interest Payments—As required until facilities are completed	211,000
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Total	\$3,960,000
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The cost of such housing and dining facilities, 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. Expenses of financing shall include the interest payments required on the bonds issued for the purposes of such construction until the dormitories and dining facilities so constructed shall have been completed and occupied.

All construction of housing and dining facilities including additions to existing dormitories and dining facilities, together with furnishings therein and utility approaches thereto, shall be completed within the individual amounts shown.

Sec. 2. Teachers college and vocational-technical institute housing and dining facilities. The state board shall operate such housing and dining facilities, when constructed, as a single self-liquidating project until all the bonds issued as provided by this Act shall be retired. The state board shall charge and collect such board and room fees or rentals for the use of said housing and dining facilities as may from time to time be determined and ordered by the state board as necessary for the amortization of the principal of and the interest on the bonds issued and shall deposit to the credit of

the Treasurer of State, in a separate account to be established by the State Controller on the books of the State, all of the fees and rentals so charged and collected. The rates for board and room charged and collected for the amortization of the principal of and the interest on the bonds issued with the authority of this Act shall apply also to the dormitories and dining facilities operated by the state board at the State Teachers Colleges and Vocational-Technical Institutes prior to the date of ratification of this Act, or which are in the process of construction at the date of ratification, and shall be established to take effect not later than the beginning of the college or school year next following the date of ratification of this Act, and the fees and rentals so charged and collected also shall be pledged to the amortization of principal and payment of interest on the bonds issued under the authority of this Act.

Sec. 3. Treasurer of State to issue bonds. The Treasurer of State is directed, as requested by the state board 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 \$3,960,000 for the purpose of raising funds for the construction of said housing and dining facilities as provided in this Act. 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 payment of interest and redemption of the bonds.

Such bonds shall be issued in series from time to time so as to meet the needs of the teachers colleges and vocational-technical institutes for student housing and dining facilities.

The bonds of each series shall be dated, shall mature at such time or times not exceeding 30 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 year, as may be determined by the Treasurer of State with the approval of the state board.

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 provisions 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 state board 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 State Controller at the order of the state board or of its authorized representative are appropriated to be used solely for the purposes set forth in this Act. Any balances unexpended shall not lapse, but shall be carried forward to the same account to be used only for the purposes set forth herein. Any unencumbered balances remaining either at the completion of a project or at the conclusion of financing shall lapse to the debt service account established for the retirement of these bonds.

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 state board upon the approval of the Director of Public Improvements.

Sec. 9. Other sources of funds. This Act shall not in any manner preclude the state board 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 student housing and dining facilities at the State Teachers Colleges and Vocational-Technical Institutes.

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 to Authorize the Construction of Self-Liquidating Student Housing and Dining Facilities for the State Teachers Colleges and Vocational-Technical Institutes and the Issuance of Not Exceeding \$3,960,000 Bonds of the State of Maine for the Financing Thereof,' passed by the 102nd 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 2, 1965

The following is a brief explanatory statement prepared by the Attorney General in accordance with the provisions of 1 M.R.S.A., section 353, with reference to the Intent and Content of P. & S. 1965, Chapter 162—"An Act to Authorize Construction of Self-Liquidating Student Housing and Dining Facilities for the State Teachers Colleges and Vocational-Technical Institutes and the Issuance of Not Exceeding \$3,960,000 Bonds of the State of Maine for the Financing Thereof."

INTENT

This Act proposes to raise funds by a bond issue for the purpose of constructing at the state teachers colleges and vocational-technical institutes self-liquidating student housing and dining facilities, including additions to existing dormitories together with furnishings and utility approaches thereto and interest payments on bonds sold as listed below.

At Aroostook State Teachers College—	
Men's Dormitory	\$ 400,000
Central Dining Facility	455,000
At Farmington State Teachers College—	
Men's Dormitory Wing	706,000
Women's Dormitory	664,000
At Fort Kent State Teachers College—	
Central Dining Facility	268,000
At Gorham State Teachers College—	
Women's (Upton Hall) Dormitory Wing	947,000
At Central Maine Vocational Institute—	
Combination Dormitory-Cafeteria	309,000
Total Housing and Dining Facilities	3,749,000
Interest Payments—As required until facilities are completed	211,000
Total	\$3,960,000

CONTENT

This Act would authorize the Treasurer of State, as requested by the State Board of Education with

the approval of the Governor and Council, to issue bonds to an amount not exceeding \$3,960,000 to raise funds for such projects. The bonds would be payable within 30 years from date of issue. Board and room fees or rentals are to be collected by the State Board of Education to pay the principal and interest on the bonds.

CHAPTER 163, PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS OF 1965

AN ACT to Authorize the Issuance of Bonds in the Amount of Nine Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars on Behalf of the State of Maine to Build State Highways.

Preamble. Two-thirds of both Houses of Legislature deeming it necessary in accordance with the Constitution, Article IX, Section 14, 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 \$9,600,000 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 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 \$9,600,000 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.

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 hold-

ing 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 Nine Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars on Behalf of the State of Maine to Build State Highways,' passed by the 102nd 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 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 the 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 June 2, 1965

The following is a brief explanatory statement prepared by the Attorney General in accordance with the provisions of 1 M.R.S.A., section 353, with reference to the Intent and Content of P. & S. 1965, Chapter 163—"An Act to Authorize the Issuance of Bonds in the Amount of Nine Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars on Behalf of the State of Maine to Build State Highways."

INTENT

This Act proposes to raise funds by a bond issue 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 \$9,600,000, and payable within 20 years from date of issue.

23 M.R.S.A., sections 129-130, the Economic Advisory Board shall make recommendations to the Governor and Council relative to conditions favor-

able to the issuance of such bonds, taking into consideration the method of issuance, terms of years and repayment, interest and probable trends, and other economic conditions in general.

CHAPTER 168, PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS OF 1965

AN ACT to Authorize the Construction of Housing for the University of Maine and the Issuance of not Exceeding \$6,000,000 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 \$6,000,000. 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 six million dollars (\$6,000,000) 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 upon the approval of the Director of Public Improvements.

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 \$6,000,000 Bonds of the State of Maine for the Financing Thereof,' passed by the 102nd 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 3, 1965

The following is a brief explanatory statement prepared by the Attorney General in accordance with the provisions of 1 M.R.S.A., section 353, with reference to the Intent and Content of P. & S. 1965, Chapter 168—"An Act to Authorize the Construction of Housing for the University of Maine and the Issuance of not Exceeding \$6,000,000 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 with utility approaches thereto and furnishings therein for the University of Maine.

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 \$6,000,000 to raise funds for such projects. The bonds would be payable within 40 years from date of issue.

Board and room fees or rentals are to be collected by Board of Trustees of the University to pay the principal and interest on the bonds.

CHAPTER 191, PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS OF 1965

AN ACT to Authorize Bond Issue in Amount of Six Million Nine Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars for Capital Improvements, Construction and Repairs at University of Maine.

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 capital improvements, construction and repairs at University of Maine.

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

Sec. 1. Issue of bonds to provide for capital improvements, construction and repairs. 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 \$6,970,000 for the purpose of raising funds to provide for such capital improvements, construction and repairs 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 20 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 Board of Trustees of the University of Maine with the approval 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. The Treasurer of State is authorized to invest the proceeds of the sale of the bonds during the period when the proceeds are not needed for the purposes set forth in this Act and the interest therefrom shall be paid into the General Fund. Any unencumbered balances remaining at the completion of the projects listed in section 6 shall lapse to the debt service account established for the retirement of these bonds.

Sec. 4. Interest and debt retirement. Interest due or accruing upon any bonds issued under the provisions 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 Board of Trustees of the University of Maine upon the approval of the Director of Public Improvements.

Sec. 6. Allocations from General Fund Bond Issue.

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE	1965-66
Service Building (Phase I completion and Phase II)	\$ 450,000
Expansion of Central Steam Plant	225,000
Expansion of Water Lines	100,000
Renovation of Wingate Hall Basement	10,000
Renovation of Fernald Hall	165,000
Renovations in Alumni Hall	125,000
Renovation of Crosby Laboratory	300,000
Renovation of Mechanical Engineering Shops	50,000
University Infirmary	600,000
Renovations of Law School, Portland	40,000
Physical Education—Auditorium Building, Portland	1,100,000
Public Information and Press Building	375,000
Campus Roads and Parking	150,000
Sewage Disposal Facilities—Phase II	362,000
Closed Circuit Television Lines	48,000
Renovation of Carnegie Hall	85,000
Enlargement of Men's Physical Education Facilities	295,000
Renovation of Winslow Hall	195,000
Dairy Herd Feeding Center	45,000
Renovation of Aubert Hall	600,000
Two-Year Technical Institute in Technology	150,000
Science Building, Portland Campus	1,300,000
Completion of Library, Phase II	100,000
Parking Facilities, Portland Campus	100,000
Total	\$6,970,000

The amounts listed after each unit in this section are to be construed as guides and any one or more amounts may be exceeded, with the approval of the Governor and Council, as long as the total expenditures of state money do not exceed the total amount of the bond issue and construction or repairs on each unit is performed as nearly as possible to that contemplated.

Sec. 7. Contingent upon ratification of bond issue. Sections 1 to 6 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. 8. 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 a special state-wide election to be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November, 1965 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 Bond Issue in Amount of Six Million Nine Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars for Capital Improvements, Construction and Repairs at University of Maine,' passed by the 102nd 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 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 foregoing Act, accompanied by a copy thereof.

Approved June 8, 1965

The following is a brief explanatory statement prepared by the Attorney General in accordance with the provisions of 1 M.R.S.A., section 353, with reference to the Intent and Content of P. & S. 1965, Chapter 191—"An Act to Authorize Bond Issue in Amount of Six Million Nine Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars for Capital Improvements, Construction and Repairs at University of Maine."

INTENT

This Act proposes to raise funds by a bond issue for capital improvements, construction and repairs of property operated by the University of Maine.

CONTENT

The Treasurer of State may sell bonds by direction of the Board of Trustees of the University with the approval of the Governor and Council in an amount not exceeding \$6,970,000 for such projects. The bonds would be serial coupon bonds payable within 20 years from date of issue. The Act enumerates the several projects and approximate costs of each project.

CHAPTER 192, PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS OF 1965

AN ACT to Authorize Bond Issue in Amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars for Construction and Renovations at Boys Training Center, Maine State Prison and Stevens Training Center.

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 construction and renovations at Boys Training Center, Maine State Prison and Stevens Training Center.

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

Sec. 1. Issue of bonds to provide for construction and renovations. 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 \$500,000 for the purpose of raising funds to provide for such construction and renovations 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 20 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 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. 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 this Act. The Treasurer of State is authorized to invest the proceeds of the sale of the bonds during the period when the proceeds are not needed for the purposes set forth in this Act and the interest therefrom shall be paid into the General Fund. Any unencumbered balances remaining at the completion of the projects listed in section 6 shall lapse to the debt service account established for the retirement of these bonds.

Sec. 4. Interest and debt retirement. Interest due or accruing upon any bonds issued under the provisions 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	1965-66
MENTAL HEALTH AND CORRECTIONS,	
DEPARTMENT OF	
Boys Training Center	
Construction of one living cottage	\$228,400
Construction of Superintendent's house	30,000
Maine State Prison	
Prison Hospital Renovations	76,000
Stevens Training Center	
New Dormitory	165,600
Total	\$500,000

Sec. 7. Contingent upon ratification of bond issue. Sections 1 to 6 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. 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 the foregoing Act, and the question shall be:

"Shall a bond issue be ratified for the purposes set forth in 'An Act to Authorize Bond Issue in Amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars for Construction and Renovations at Boys Training Center,

Maine State Prison and Stevens Training Center,' passed by the 102nd 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 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 foregoing Act, accompanied by a copy thereof.

Approved June 8, 1965

The following is a brief explanatory statement prepared by the Attorney General in accordance with the provisions of 1 M.R.S.A., section 353, with reference to the Intent and Content of P. & S. 1965, Chapter 192—"An Act to Authorize Bond Issue in Amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars for Construction and Renovations at Boys Training Center, Maine State Prison and Stevens Training Center."

INTENT

This Act proposes to raise funds by a bond issue for construction and renovations of buildings at the Boys Training Center, Maine State Prison and Stevens Training Center.

CONTENT

The Treasurer of State may sell bonds by direction of the Governor and Council in an amount not exceeding \$500,000 for the projects. The bonds would be serial coupon bonds payable within 20 years from the date of issue. The Act enumerates the several projects and approximate costs of each project.

CHAPTER 193, PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS OF 1965

AN ACT to Authorize the Establishment of a Regional Vocational Education Center or Centers in York County and the Issuance of Not Exceeding Five Hundred Thousand Dollar Bonds of the State of Maine for the Partial Financing Thereof.

Preamble. The average Maine youth, by the nature of his environment, is naturally gifted in the use of his hands and he desires to work. At present there is little opportunity for a boy or girl to receive vocational training at the high school level. When their needs are not satisfied they usually leave high school and become school dropouts. Many have to leave the State to get even menial employment.

The U. S. Navy Yard—at the entrance to York County, employs in excess of 8,000 personnel. When phased out, no one knows what will happen. However, because of its locale and facilities, it certainly will not lay dormant. Private industry will have to take over and industry needs trained skilled workers. Vocational technical training at the high school level can be the life blood of the area. Berwick, Sanford, Kennebunk, Biddeford and Saco,—all are becoming more heavily industrialized. Neighboring South Portland is already heavily industrialized. Unfortunately none of these communities can offer anything but token vocational training at the secondary level. We have four post secondary vocational technical institutes operated by the State but no state operated regional vocational education centers. Until the State or local communities establish regional vocational education centers as feeders, only then can we expect the post secondary vocational schools to do the job intended. We need vocational high schools all over Maine. They will do much to keep our young people from becoming school dropouts and leaving the State.

Preamble. Two-thirds of both Houses of the 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 for a regional vocational education center or centers.

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

Sec. 1. Regional Vocational Education Center or Centers. Subject to the submission by an eligible public school agency in York County of a plan meeting state board approval, the State Board of Education will assist in the establishment and operation of regional vocational education center or centers in accordance with Legislative Document No. 44 of the 102nd Legislature.

Sec. 2. Treasurer of State to issue bonds. The Treasurer of State is directed, as requested by the State Board of Education 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 \$500,000 for the purpose of raising funds for the construction of said regional vocational education center or centers, as provided in this Act. 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 payment of interest and redemption of the bonds.

The bonds shall be dated, shall mature at such time and times not exceeding 20 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 year, as may be determined by the Treasurer of State with the approval of the State Board of Education.

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 provisions 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. 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 state board 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 State Controller at the order of the state board or of its authorized representative 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 set forth herein.

Sec. 5. 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. 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 Board of Education.

Sec. 8. Other sources of funds. This Act shall not in any manner preclude the state board 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. 9. 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 assisting in the construction of a regional vocational education center or centers in York County.

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 Providing a Bond Issue in the Amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars for a Regional Vocational Education Center or Centers in York County' passed by the 102nd 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 8, 1965

The following is a brief explanatory statement prepared by the Attorney General in accordance with the provisions of 1 M.R.S.A., section 353, with reference to the Intent and Content of P. & S. 1965, Chapter 193—"An Act to Authorize the Establishment of a Regional Vocational Education Center or Centers in York County and the Issuance of Not Exceeding Five Hundred Thousand Dollar Bonds of the State of Maine for the Partial Financing Thereof."

INTENT

This Act proposes to raise funds by a bond issue to assist any eligible public school agency in the construction of a regional vocational education center or centers in York County.

CONTENT

The Treasurer of State may sell bonds as requested by the State Board of Education with approval of the Governor and Council in amount not exceeding \$500,000. The bonds would be payable within 20 years from the date of issue.

CHAPTER 34, RESOLVES OF 1965

RESOLVE, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Eliminate Voting Restrictions on Paupers.

Constitutional amendment. Resolved: Two-thirds of each branch of the Legislature concurring, that the following amendment to the Constitution of this State be proposed:

Constitution, Article II, Section 1, amended. The first sentence of Section 1 of Article II of the Constitution is amended to read as follows:

"Every citizen of the United States of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, excepting paupers and persons under guardianship for reasons of

mental illness, having his or her residence established in this State for the term of six months next preceding any election, shall be an elector for Governor, Senators and Representatives, in the city, town or plantation where his or her residence has been established for the term of three months next preceding such election, and he or she shall continue to be an elector in such city, town or plantation for the period of three months after his or her removal therefrom, if he or she continues to reside in this State during such period, unless barred by the provisions of the second paragraph of this section; and the elections shall be by written ballot.'

Form of question and date when amendment shall be voted upon. Resolved: That 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 election in the month of November or special state-wide election on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November following the passage of this resolve to give in their votes upon the amendment proposed in the foregoing resolution, and the question shall be:

"Shall the Constitution be amended as proposed by a resolution of the Legislature to Eliminate Voting Restrictions on Paupers?"

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 returns 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 amendment, the Governor shall forthwith make known the fact by his proclamation, and the amendment shall thereupon, as of the date of said proclamation, become a part of the Constitution.

Secretary of State shall prepare ballots. Resolved: That the Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to the several cities, towns and plantations ballots and blank returns in conformity with the foregoing resolve, accompanied by a copy thereof.

Approved June 3, 1965

The following is a brief explanatory statement prepared by the Attorney General in accordance with the provisions of 1 M.R.S.A., section 353, with reference to the Intent and Content of Resolves,

1965, Chapter 34—"RESOLVE, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Eliminate Voting Restrictions on Paupers."

INTENT

This Resolve extends voting privileges to paupers and persons under guardianship except for those so placed for reasons of mental illness.

CONTENT

The Resolve removes the word "pauper" from those persons not eligible to vote. It adds the limiting phrase "for reasons of mental illness" to persons under guardianship. These two amendments have the effect of allowing "paupers" and persons under guardianship except for reasons of mental illness to become eligible voters.

CHAPTER 49, RESOLVES OF 1965

RESOLVE, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Pledging Credit of the State for Guaranteed Loans on Personal Property for Industrial Purposes.

Constitutional amendment. Resolved: Two-thirds of each branch of the Legislature concurring, that the following amendment to the Constitution of this State be proposed:

Constitution, Article IX, Section 14-A, amended. Section 14-A of Article IX of the Constitution is amended to read as follows:

'Section 14-A. Permits insuring payment of industrial loans secured by real estate and personal property by legislative Act. For the purposes of fostering, encouraging and assisting the physical location, settlement and resettlement of industrial and manufacturing enterprises within the State, the Legislature by proper enactment may insure the payment of mortgage loans on the real estate and personal property within the State of such industrial and manufacturing enterprises not exceeding in the aggregate \$40,000,000 in amount at any one time and may also appropriate moneys and authorize the issuance of bonds on behalf of the State at such times and in such amounts as it may determine to make payments insured as aforesaid.'

Form of question and date when amendment shall be voted upon. Resolved: That 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 election in the month of November or special state-wide election on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November following the passage of this resolve to give in their votes upon the amendment proposed in the foregoing resolution, and the question shall be:

"Shall the Constitution be amended as proposed by a resolution of the Legislature Pledging Credit of the State for Guaranteed Loans on Personal Property for Industrial Purposes?"

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 returns 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 amendment, the Governor shall forthwith make known the fact by his proclamation, and the amendment shall thereupon, as of the date of said proclamation, become a part of the Constitution.

Secretary of State shall prepare ballots. Resolved: That the Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to the several cities, towns and plantations ballots and blank returns in conformity with the foregoing resolve, accompanied by a copy thereof.

Approved June 4, 1965

The following is a brief explanatory statement prepared by the Attorney General in accordance with the provisions of 1 M.R.S.A., section 353, with reference to the Intent and Content of Resolves 1965, Chapter 49—"RESOLVE, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Pledging Credit of the State for Guaranteed Loans on Personal Property for Industrial Purposes."

INTENT

This Resolve enlarges the power of the State to insure mortgage loans for the purpose of encouraging industrial and manufacturing enterprises to settle in the State.

CONTENT

The Resolve adds the words "and personal property," thus authorizing the insurance of mortgage loans on real estate and personal property to industrial and manufacturing enterprises settling or resettling in the State.

CHAPTER 51, RESOLVES OF 1965

RESOLVE, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Pledging Credit of State for Guaranteed Loans for Recreational Purposes.

Constitutional amendment. Resolved: Two-thirds of each branch of the Legislature concurring, that the following amendment to the Constitution of this State be proposed:

Constitution, Article IX, Section 14, amended. The first sentence of Section 14 of Article IX of the Constitution is amended to read as follows:

'The credit of the State shall not be directly or indirectly loaned in any case, except as provided in section sections 14-A and 14-B.'

Constitution, Article IX, Section 14-B, additional. Article IX of the Constitution is amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 14-B, to read as follows:

'Section 14-B. Permits insuring payment of recreational loans by Legislative Act. For the purpose of fostering, encouraging and assisting the physical location, settlement and resettlement of recreational projects within the State, the Legislature by proper enactment may insure the payment of mortgage loans on real estate and personal property within the State of such recreational projects not exceeding in the aggregate ten million dollars in amount at any one time outstanding and may also appropriate moneys and authorize the issuance of bonds on behalf of the State at such times and in such amounts as it may determine to make payments insured as aforesaid.'

Form of question and date when amendments shall be voted upon. Resolved: That 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 election in the month of November or special state-wide election on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November following the passage of this resolve to give in their votes upon the amendments proposed in the foregoing resolution, and the question shall be:

"Shall the Constitution which now, with certain exceptions, provides that the credit of the State of Maine shall not be directly or indirectly loaned in any case, be amended, as proposed by a resolution of the Legislature Pledging Credit of the State and Providing for a Ten Million Dollar Bond Issue for Guaranteed Loans for Recreational Purposes?"

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 returns 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 amendments, the Governor shall forthwith make known the fact by his proclamation, and the amendments shall thereupon, as of the date of said proclamation, become a part of the Constitution.

Secretary of State shall prepare ballots. Resolved: That the Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to the several cities, towns and plantations ballots and blank returns in conformity with the foregoing resolve, accompanied by a copy thereof.

Approved June 4, 1965

The following is a brief explanatory statement prepared by the Attorney General in accordance with the provisions of 1 M.R.S.A., section 353, with reference to the Intent and Content of Resolves 1965, Chapter 51—"RESOLVE, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Pledging Credit of State for Guaranteed Loans for Recreational Purposes."

INTENT

This Resolve is to enlarge upon the present authority of the State to insure payment of mortgage loans. It extends this authority to recreational projects within the State.

CONTENT

This Resolve authorizes the legislature to enact legislation to provide a method of insuring payment of mortgage loans to assist in the settlement and resettlement of recreational projects within the State. A maximum limit on such insurance is set at a total of \$10,000,000. The legislature may authorize issuance of bonds to make payments insured as provided.

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