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# Referendum Questions

In Accordance with Acts Passed  
by the Special Session of the  
102nd Legislature

Bond Issues

1. \$2,500,000 for Construction of an Office Building  
for the State Highway Commission.
2. \$2,950,000 for Construction, Extension and Im-  
provement for Airports.

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Monday, June 20, 1966.

STATE OF MAINE

SUMMARY OF BONDED INDEBTEDNESS AS OF

JUNE 20, 1966

Highway & Bridge Loan	\$ 25,850,000
Kennebec Bridge Loan	500,000
Bangor-Brewer Bridge Loan	1,950,000
Fore River Bridge Loan	6,000,000
Jonesport Reach Bridge Loan	640,000
Island Ferry Service Loan	2,000,000
General Improvement Loan	21,140,000
State Teachers College Loan	3,895,000
University of Maine Loan	15,725,000
Educational Television Loan	1,050,000
Deer Isle-Sedgwick Bridge Loan	54,000
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Total amount of Bonds issued and outstanding	\$ 78,804,000
Highway & Bridge Loan	\$30,100,000
Mortgage Insurance Loan	40,000,000
State Teachers College Loan	3,963,000
Maine Maritime Academy Loan	475,000
Maine Recreational Authority	10,000,000
General Fund Loan	21,502,000
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Total amount of Bonds authorized but unissued	\$106,040,000
Total State Bonded Debt currently authorized	\$184,844,000
Total amount of bonds contemplated to be issued if the enactment submitted to the electors be ratified	\$ 5,450,000

CHAPTER 244, PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS OF 1965

AN ACT to Authorize the Issuance of Bonds in the Amount of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars on Behalf of the State of Maine to Construct an Office Building for the State Highway Commission.

**Preamble.** Two-thirds of both Houses of the 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 constructing an office building for the State Highway Commission.

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

**Sec. 1. Bond issue of \$2,500,000 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 serial coupon bonds in the name and behalf of the State to an amount not exceeding \$2,500,000 payable serially at the State Treasury within 20 years from the date of issue and redeemable before maturity. 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 of an office building for the State Highway Commission. Any unencumbered balances remaining at the completion of the office building shall lapse to the Highway Fund.

The said bonds shall be deemed a pledge of the faith and credit of the State. Said bonds when paid at maturity or otherwise retired shall not be re-issued, 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 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 purpose set forth in ‘An Act to Authorize the Issuance of Bonds in the Amount of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars on Behalf of the State of Maine to Construct an Office Building for the State Highway Commission,’ passed by the 102nd Legislature in special session?”

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 meet-

ings, 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 February 1, 1966

The following is a brief explanatory statement prepared by the Attorney General in accordance with the provisions of 1 M.R.S.A. § 353, with reference to the Intent and Content of Chapter 244 of the Private and Special Laws of 1965 entitled, "AN ACT to Authorize the Issuance of Bonds in the Amount of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars on Behalf of the State of Maine to Construct an Office Building for the State Highway Commission."

#### INTENT

This Act proposes to raise funds for the purpose of constructing an office building for the State Highway Commission.

#### CONTENT

The Treasurer of State, under the direction of the Governor and Council, is authorized to issue serial coupon bonds in an amount not exceeding \$2,500,000 to be used for construction of an office building for the State Highway Commission. The bonds will be payable within 20 years from date of issue.

#### CHAPTER 261, PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS OF 1965

#### AN ACT to Authorize General Fund Bond Issue in Amount of Two Million Nine Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars and to Appropriate Moneys for Construction, Extension and Improvement for Airports.

**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 construction, extension and improvement for airports.

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

**Sec. 1. Issue of bonds to provide for construction, extension and improvement for airports.** 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 \$2,950,000 for the purpose of raising funds to provide for such construction, extension and improvement, as authorized by section 7. 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. 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 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 Aeronautics Commission.

**Sec. 6. P. & S. L., 1965, c. 188, § 2, sub-§ 5, additional.** Section 2 of chapter 188 of the private and special laws of 1965 is amended by adding a new subsection 5, to read as follows:

'5. **Site.** To select a site in the Town of Sidney for a regional airport to service Augusta, Waterville and surrounding area. The commission shall advise the Governor and Council of the site selected.'

**Sec. 7. Allocations from General Fund Bond Issue.** The funds allocated by this section for the following airports shall be expended for construction, extension and improvement of said airports:

Central Maine Regional Airport at Sidney	\$1,800,000
Hancock County Airport at Trenton	40,000
*Houlton International Airport	50,000

\*These funds shall be expended together with federal funds or local funds or both. If such federal or local funds, or both, are not available, state funds shall be expended to the full extent of the appropriation.

*Lewiston-Auburn Airport	120,000
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\*These funds shall be expended together with federal funds or local funds, or both. If such federal or local funds, or both, are not available, state funds shall be expended to the full extent of the appropriation.

Madawaska Municipal Airport	25,000
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Millinocket Municipal Airport	25,000
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Portland Municipal Airport	765,000
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*Presque Isle Municipal Airport	125,000
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**Sec. 8. Contingent upon ratification of bond issue.** Sections 1 to 7 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. 9. 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 a state-wide election to be held on the third Monday of June, 1966, 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 General Fund Bond Issue in Amount of Two Million Nine Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars for Construction, Extension and Improvement for Airports,’ passed by the 102nd Legislature in Special Session?”

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 February 3, 1966

The following is a brief explanatory statement prepared by the Attorney General in accordance with the provisions of 1 M.R.S.A. § 353, with reference to the Intent and Content of Chapter 261, Private and Special Laws of 1965 entitled, “AN ACT to Authorize General Fund Bond Issue in Amount of Two Million Nine Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars and to Appropriate Moneys for Construction, Extension and Improvement for Airports.”

#### INTENT

This Act proposes to raise funds for construction, extension and improvement of certain designated airports.

#### CONTENT

The Treasurer of State, under the direction of the Governor and Council, is authorized to issue serial coupon bonds in an amount not exceeding \$2,950,000 to be used for construction, extension and improvement of designated airports. The bonds will be payable within 20 years from date of issue. The proceeds of the bond issue are to be expended under the direction of the Aeronautics Commission.

The State Transportation Commission, created by Chapter 188, Private and Special Laws 1965, is authorized to select a site in the Town of Sidney for a regional airport to service Augusta, Waterville and surrounding area. The commission shall advise the Governor and Council of the site selected.

The proceeds of the bond issue shall be expended for construction, extension and improvements of the following airports:

Central Maine Regional Airport at Sidney	\$1,800,000
Hancock County Airport at Trenton	40,000
*Houlton International Airport	50,000
*Lewiston-Auburn Airport	120,000
Madawaska Municipal Airport	25,000
Millinocket Municipal Airport	25,000
Portland Municipal Airport	765,000
*Presque Isle Municipal Airport	125,000

\*These funds shall be expended together with federal funds or local funds, or both. If such federal or local funds, or both, are not available, state funds shall be expended to the full extent of the appropriation.

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KENNETH M. CURTIS,

Secretary of State