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**In Accordance with Acts Passed
by the 104th Legislature at the
First Special Session**

Bond Issues

1. Amend Bond Issue Act as to Limitation of Interest on Bonds for York County Regional Vocational Education Center or Centers.
2. \$3,825,000 for Construction of New Facilities and Equipment at Northern, Southern, Eastern and Central Vocational-Technical Institutes and a Diagnostic Facility for the Boys Training Center.
3. \$14,985,000 for Construction and Renovation of Higher Education Facilities at the University of Maine.
4. Moneys appropriated for an addition to the Gould Academic Building at the Boys Training Center be used for construction of educational classrooms at the Boys Training Center.

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

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Monday, June 15, 1970

CHAPTER 222

PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS OF 1969

AN ACT to Amend Bond Issue Act as to Limitation of Interest on Bonds for York County Regional Vocational Education Center or Centers.

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 for regional vocational education center or centers in York County.

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

Sec. 1. Purpose. The present bond market, reflecting a very tight money situation with little prospects of any substantial improvement, is not favorable for low income bonds. It is highly unlikely that the bonds authorized but unissued in the amount of \$500,000 for the establishment of a regional vocational education center or centers in York County can be sold at an interest rate of 5% or less. Therefore, it is necessary to amend the bond issue Act authorizing such bonds. A failure to so amend could mean that the State could not provide financial assistance provided by law to 2 communities in York County which have been designated as regional vocational centers and which have either completed or are nearing completion of buildings housing these regional vocational centers.

Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1965, c. 193, § 2, amended. The 2nd paragraph of section 2 of chapter 193 of the private and special laws of 1965 is amended to read as follows:

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.~~

Sec. 3. 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 June 15, 1970, to give in their vote upon the acceptance or rejection of the foregoing Act, and the question shall be:

STATE OF MAINE

SUMMARY OF BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

MAY 31, 1970

Total Bonds Outstanding and unpaid	\$165,710,000
Authorized but Unissued	87,366,500
Limit of Potential Contingent Bond Liability	123,000,000
Temporary Borrowing	25,000,000
Total amount of bonds contemplated to be issued if the enactment submitted to the electors be ratified	18,810,000

"Shall 'An Act to Amend Bond Issue Act as to Limitation of Interest on Bonds for York County Regional Vocational Education Center or Centers' passed by the first special session of the 104th 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 review 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 January 22, 1970

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 222 of the Private and Special Laws of 1969 entitled, "An Act to Amend Bond Issue Act as to Limitation of Interest on Bonds for York County Regional Vocational Education Center or Centers."

INTENT

In 1965 the People authorized a bond issue in the amount of \$500,000 for the establishment of a regional vocational center or centers in York County, but provided that these bonds be sold at an interest rate of 5% or less. These bonds have not been issued and it is highly unlikely that they can be sold at an interest rate of 5% or less. This Act amends the bond issue Act authorizing such bonds by repealing the interest rate limitation and by providing that the interest rate shall be determined by the Treasurer of State.

CONTENT

This Act amends Section 2 of Chapter 193 of the Private and Special Laws of 1965 by repealing the provision that the bonds authorized thereby for the establishment of a regional vocational education center or centers in York County shall be sold at an interest rate or rates not exceeding 5% per year, and by providing that said bonds shall, when issued, bear interest at such rate or rates as may be determined by the Treasurer of State.

CHAPTER 240

PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS OF 1969

AN ACT to Authorize a Bond Issue in the Amount of \$3,825,000 for the Construction of New Facilities and Equipment at Northern, Southern, Eastern and Central Vocational-Technical Institutes and a Diagnostic Facility for the Boys 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 to provide for the construction of new facilities and equipment at Northern, Southern, Eastern, and Central Vocational-Technical Institutes and a diagnostic facility for the Boys Training Center.

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

Sec. 1. Issue of bonds to provide for construction of new facilities and equipment at Vocational-Technical Institutes and a diagnostic facility. 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 \$3,825,000 for the purpose of raising funds to provide for such construction and equipment as authorized by section 6. Such 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. Any issuance of bonds may contain a call feature at the discretion of the Treasurer of State with the approval of the Governor and Council.

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 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 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 Public Improvements.

Sec. 6. **Allocations from General Fund Bond Issue.**

1970-71

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Central Maine Vocational- Technical Institute Laboratory wing	\$ 950,000
Eastern Maine Vocational- Technical Institute Laboratory wing	840,000
Northern Maine Vocational- Technical Institute Student dormitory	650,000
Southern Maine Vocational- Technical Institute Culinary arts and electronics electrical building	1,010,000
Sub-total	3,390,000

MENTAL HEALTH AND CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF

Boys Training Center Diagnostic unit	375,000
Total	\$3,825,000

The amounts listed after each project are to be construed as guides and, within departments or agencies, 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 allocated for all projects. The amount transferred from one project to another shall not exceed 5% of the amount listed and no one project shall be reduced by more than 5%.

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 pre-

scribed by law for calling and holding biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the election of Senators and Representatives, at the next special state-wide election to be held on June 15, 1970, to give in their vote upon the acceptance or rejection of the foregoing Act, and the question shall be:

“Shall the State provide for construction of facilities and purchase of equipment at the State Vocational-Technical Institutes in order to allow increased enrollment and expanded vocational opportunities for Maine youth and adults and for a diagnostic facility for treatment of emotionally disturbed boys at the Boys Training Center, as passed by the First Special Session of the 104th Legislature by issuing bonds in the amount of \$3,825,000?”

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 review 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 6, 1970

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 240 of the Private and Special Laws of 1969 entitled, “An Act to Authorize a Bond Issue in the Amount of \$3,825,000 for the Construction of New Facilities and Equipment at Northern, Southern, Eastern and Central Vocational-Technical Institutes and a Diagnostic Facility for the Boys Training Center.”

INTENT

This Act provides by bond issue the sum of \$3,825,000 to construct a laboratory wing at Central Maine Vocational-Technical Institute; a laboratory wing at Eastern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute; a student dormitory at Northern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute; a culinary arts and electronics electrical building at

Southern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute; and a diagnostic unit at the Boys Training Center.

CONTENT

The Treasurer of State, under the direction of the Governor and Council, may issue serial coupon bonds not exceeding \$3,825,000 to provide for the construction of new facilities and equipment at the following institutions as follows:

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Central Maine Vocational- Technical Institute Laboratory wing	\$ 950,000
Eastern Maine Vocational- Technical Institute Laboratory wing	840,000
Northern Maine Vocational- Technical Institute Student dormitory	650,000
Southern Maine Vocational- Technical Institute Culinary arts and electronics electrical building	1,010,000

MENTAL HEALTH AND CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF

Boys Training Center Diagnostic unit	375,000
Total	\$3,825,000

The bonds shall not run beyond 20 years. The bonds may contain a call feature. The proceeds shall be expended under the direction and supervision of the Director of Public Improvements.

CHAPTER 247

PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS OF 1969

AN ACT to Authorize Bond Issue in the Amount of \$14,985,000 for the Construction and Renovation of Higher Education Facilities at the 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 for capital improvements, construction, renovations, equipment and furnishings for the 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, renovations, equipment and furnishings for the University of Maine. 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 \$14,985,000 for the purpose of raising funds to provide for such capital improvements, construction, renovations, equipment 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 20 years from the date of the original issue thereof. Any issuance of bonds may contain a call feature at the discretion of the Treasurer of State with the approval of the Governor and Council.

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 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 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 Public Improvements.

Sec. 6. Allocations from General Fund Bond Issue.

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE

Project	Location	1970-71
Business, English, Math Building	Orono	\$ 2,300,000
Physical Education Field Classroom Building	Washington	118,000
South Campus Alterations	Aroostook	1,200,000
Library Wing	Bangor	500,000
Student Center	Augusta	500,000
Roads and Parking	Portland	1,200,000
Utilities Extension	Orono	375,000
Underground Systems	Orono	385,000
Pulp and Paper Wing of the Chemical Engineering Building	Gorham	150,000
Central Heating	Orono	1,100,000
Darling Center Pier	Portland	300,000
Equipment for Classroom Building	Walpole	100,000
Dining Hall and Student Union	Farmington	50,000
Physical Education Facility (Phase II)	Farmington	980,000
Classroom/physical Education Building	Orono	4,000,000
Renovation of Cortell Hall	Fort Kent	862,000
Library	Gorham	250,000
	Washington	615,000
TOTAL		\$14,985,000

The amounts listed after each project 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 allocated for all projects. The amount transferred from one project to another shall not exceed 5% of the amount listed and no one project shall be reduced by more than 5%.

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 June 15, 1970 to give in their vote upon the acceptance or rejection of the foregoing Act, and the question shall be:

“Shall the State provide expanded classroom facilities and improvements at the several campuses of the University of Maine to allow for program improvement and increased enrollment by issuing bonds in the amount of \$14,985,000?”

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 review 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 9, 1970

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 247 of the Private and Special Laws of 1969 entitled, “An Act to Authorize Bond Issue in the Amount of \$14,985,000 for the Construction and Renovation of Higher Education Facilities at the University of Maine.”

INTENT

This Act provides by bond issue the sum of \$14,985,000 to construct or renovate certain buildings and areas under the control of the University of Maine.

CONTENT

The Treasurer of State, under the direction of the Governor and Council, may issue serial coupon bonds not exceeding \$14,985,000 to provide for capital improvements, construction, renovations, equipment and furnishings at various sites of the University of Maine as follows:

Project	Location	1970-71
Business, English, Math Building	Orono	\$2,300,000
Physical Education Field	Washington	118,000

Classroom Building	Aroostook	1,200,000
South Campus Alterations	Bangor	500,000
Library Wing	Augusta	500,000
Student Center	Portland	1,200,000
Roads and Parking	Orono	375,000
Utilities Extension	Orono	385,000
Underground Systems	Gorham	150,000
Pulp and Paper Wing of the Chemical Engineer- ing Building	Orono	1,100,000
Central Heating	Portland	300,000
Darling Center Pier	Walpole	100,000
Equipment for Classroom Building	Farmington	50,000
Dining Hall and Student Union	Farmington	980,000
Physical Education Facil- ity (Phase II)	Orono	4,000,000
Classroom/physical Edu- cation Bldg.	Fort Kent	862,000
Renovation of Cortell Hall	Gorham	250,000
Library	Washington	615,000
TOTAL		\$14,985,000

The bonds shall not run beyond 20 years. The bonds may contain a call feature. The proceeds shall be expended under the direction and supervision of the Director of Public Improvements.

CHAPTER 254

PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS OF 1969

AN ACT to Appropriate Moneys for Necessary Items and Miscellaneous Changes for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1970 and June 30, 1971.

SECTION D

P. & S. L., 1969, c. 194, § 6, amended. Section 6 of chapter 194 of the private and special laws of 1969, under the caption MENTAL HEALTH AND CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF, Boys Training Center, is amended to read as follows:

Boys Training Center	
Fire Prevention and Safety Project	44,000
Addition Gould Academic Building	157,000
Construction of educational classrooms	157,000
Sub-Total	\$ 201,000

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 primary election June 15, 1970 to give in their votes upon the acceptance or rejection of Section D of the foregoing Act, and the question shall be:

"Shall the moneys appropriated for an addition to the Gould Academic Building at the Boys Training Center be used for the construction of educational classrooms at the Boys Training Center, passed by the First Special Session of the 104th 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 review the same and if it shall appear that a majority of the inhabitants voting on the question are in favor of said Section D of this Act the Governor shall forthwith make known the fact by his proclamation, and Section D of this 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 return in conformity with Section D of the foregoing Act, accompanied by a copy thereof.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 10, 1970

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 254 of the Private and Special Laws of 1969 entitled, "An Act to Appropriate Moneys for Necessary Items and Miscellaneous Changes for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1970 and June 30, 1971."

INTENT

It is the intent of this Act to provide that the sum of \$157,000, appropriated for an addition to the Gould Academic Building at the Boys Training Center at the First Special Session of the 104th Legislature, be used for the construction of educational classrooms at the Boys Training Center.

CONTENT

This Act amends Section 6 of Chapter 194 of the Private and Special Laws of 1969 under the caption MENTAL HEALTH AND CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF, Boys Training Center, by deleting therefrom the item "addition Gould Academic Building \$157,000" and adding in its place the following: "Construction of educational classrooms \$157,000."

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