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Special Election
Monday, December 5th

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UNIFORM STATE PROPERTY TAX QUESTION and Referendum Questions

Markham L. Gartley
Secretary of State

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**UNIFORM STATE PROPERTY TAX QUESTION
and
REFERENDUM QUESTIONS**

**In Accordance with an Initiated Bill and Acts
Passed by the 108th Legislature in
First Regular Session**

UNIFORM STATE PROPERTY TAX QUESTION

**DO YOU WISH TO REPEAL THE
UNIFORM STATE PROPERTY TAX?**

Referendum Questions

1. \$30,000,000 for Planning, Construction and Equipment of Pollution Abatement Facilities.
2. \$300,000 for Renovation of Leavitt Hall at Maine Maritime Academy.
3. \$5,965,000 for Construction and Renovations of Higher Education Facilities at the University of Maine.
4. \$3,748,000 for Construction at Maine Vocational-Technical Institutes.
5. \$10,000,000 for Energy Conservation Improvements for State-owned Buildings and Public School Buildings.
6. \$1,800,000 for Improvements of Airports.
7. \$11,500,000 for Highway and Bridge Improvement Program.
8. \$2,100,000 to Establish a Maine Veterans Home.

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



1977

**To be Voted Upon at the Special Election on Monday,
December 5, 1977**

**MARKHAM L. GARTLEY
Secretary of State**

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STATE OF MAINE Specimen Ballot



Special Election December 5, 1977

UNIFORM STATE PROPERTY TAX QUESTION

A cross (X) or a check mark (✓) in the square marked "YES" is a vote to repeal the uniform state property tax. This is a vote in support of the initiated bill entitled "An Act to Repeal the State Property Tax" becoming law.

A cross (X) or a check mark (✓) in the square marked "NO" is a vote to oppose repeal of the uniform state property tax. This is a vote in opposition to the initiated bill entitled "An Act to Repeal the State Property Tax" becoming law.

Place a cross (X) or a check mark (✓) in only one square at the left of the question.

YES

NO

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DO YOU WISH TO REPEAL THE UNIFORM STATE PROPERTY TAX?

REFERENDUM QUESTIONS

STATE OF MAINE — Summary of Bonded Indebtedness — June 30, 1977

Total Bonds Outstanding	\$274,850,000.00
Total Interest to Maturity	97,646,590.65
Authorized but unissued — Current Programs	\$50,868,000.00
Limit of Potential Contingent Bond Liability	64,453,725.00
Total Authorized but unissued bonds	115,321,725.00
Total Amount of bonds contemplated to be issued if the issues submitted to voters be ratified	65,413,000.00

Place a cross (X) or a check mark (✓) in a square at the left of each question for which you desire to vote. A mark in the YES box means you are in favor of the question, a mark in the NO box means that you are opposed.

REFERENDUM QUESTION NO. 1

YES

NO

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"Shall a bond issue be ratified for the purposes set forth in 'An Act to Authorize General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$30,000,000 for the Planning, Construction and Equipment of Pollution Abatement Facilities,' passed by the First Regular Session of the 108th Legislature?"

REFERENDUM QUESTION NO. 2

YES

NO

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"Shall 'An Act to authorize a bond issue in the amount of \$300,000 for use in conjunction with approximately \$600,000 to be raised by the Maine Maritime Academy for the renovation of Leavitt Hall at the academy,' as approved by the First Regular Session of the 108th Legislature, be accepted?"

REFERENDUM QUESTION NO. 3

YES

NO

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"Shall 'An Act to Authorize Bond Issue in the Amount of \$5,965,000 for the Construction and Renovations of Higher Education Facilities at the University of Maine,' as passed by the First Regular Session of the 108th Legislature, be accepted?"

REFERENDUM QUESTION NO. 4

YES

NO

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"Shall the State authorize bond issue in the amount of \$3,748,000 for construction of an educational wing at Central Maine Vocational-Technical Institute, a mechanicals building at Eastern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute, a multipurpose instructional building at Northern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute and a building construction facility at Southern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute, as passed by the First Regular Session of the 108th Legislature?"

REFERENDUM QUESTION NO. 5

YES

NO

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"Shall, 'AN ACT to Authorize a Bond Issue in the Amount of \$10,000,000 for Energy Conservation Improvements for State-owned Buildings and Public School Buildings,' as passed by the First Regular Session of the 108th Legislature, be approved?"

REFERENDUM QUESTION NO. 6

YES

NO

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"Shall a bond issue be ratified for the purposes set forth in 'AN ACT to Appropriate Money for Improvements to Airports and to Authorize General Fund Bond Issues in the Amount of \$1,800,000,' as passed by the 108th Legislature?"

REFERENDUM QUESTION NO. 7

YES

NO

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"Shall a bond issue be ratified for the purpose set forth in 'An Act to Authorize Bond Issue in the Amount of \$11,500,000 for the Highway and Bridge Improvement Program,' passed by the first regular session of the 108th Legislature?"

REFERENDUM QUESTION NO. 8

YES

NO

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"Shall the State authorize bond issue in the amount of \$2,100,000 to Establish a Maine Veterans Home, as enacted by the First Regular Session of the 108th Legislature?"

UNIFORM STATE PROPERTY TAX QUESTION

DO YOU WISH TO REPEAL THE UNIFORM STATE PROPERTY TAX?

INTENT AND CONTENT

This initiated bill seeks to repeal the uniform property tax and to change portions of the school funding law. The uniform property tax is assessed upon all taxable property in the State at a uniform tax rate established by the Legislature. The school funding law instructs the Legislature to finance no more than one half the cost of public school education through the uniform property tax and to finance the remainder of the cost of education through other State revenue sources. The initiated bill seeks to change the school funding law by eliminating the uniform property tax as a source of funding for education.

A vote in the box marked "yes" is a vote to repeal the uniform property tax. A vote in the box marked "no" is a vote to retain the uniform property tax.

A **"YES" VOTE** favors the repeal of the uniform state property tax.

A **"NO" VOTE** opposes the repeal of the uniform state property tax.

REFERENDUM QUESTION NO. 1

"Shall a bond issue be ratified for the purposes set forth in 'An Act to Authorize General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$30,000,000 for the Planning, Construction and Equipment of Pollution Abatement Facilities,' passed by the First Regular Session of the 108th Legislature?"

INTENT AND CONTENT

This Private and Special Law authorized the Treasurer of State, under direction of the Governor, to issue bonds not exceeding \$30,000,000 to raise funds for the planning, construction and equipping of pollution abatement facilities authorized by Maine Statutes. The bonds shall not run for a period greater than 20 years and shall be backed by the full faith and credit of the State. The Department of Environmental Protection shall supervise the expenditure of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds.

A **"YES" VOTE** favors the authorization of bond issue in the amount of \$30,000,000 for Planning, Construction and Equipment of Pollution Abatement Facilities.

A **"NO" VOTE** opposes the action.

REFERENDUM QUESTION NO. 2

"Shall 'An Act to authorize a bond issue in the amount of \$300,000 for use in conjunction with approximately \$600,000 to be raised by the Maine Maritime Academy for the renovation of Leavitt Hall at the academy,' as approved by the First Regular Session of the 108th Legislature, be accepted?"

INTENT AND CONTENT

This Private and Special Law authorizes the Treasurer of State, under direction of the Governor, to issue serial coupon bonds not exceeding \$300,000 to raise funds to provide for construction, capital improvements, renovation, equipment and furnishing for Leavitt Hall at the Maine Maritime Academy. The bonds shall not run for more than 20 years and shall be backed by the full faith and credit of the State. The Maine Maritime Academy shall supervise the expenditure of proceeds from the sale of the bonds. The proceeds from the sale of the bonds shall be used in conjunction with approximately \$600,000 to be raised by the Maine Maritime Academy.

A "YES" VOTE favors the authorization of bond issue in the amount of \$300,000 for Renovation of Leavitt Hall at Maine Maritime Academy.

A "NO" VOTE opposes the action.

REFERENDUM QUESTION NO. 3

"Shall 'An Act to Authorize Bond Issue in the Amount of \$5,965,000 for the Construction and Renovations of Higher Education Facilities at the University of Maine,' as passed by the First Regular Session of the 108th Legislature, be accepted?"

INTENT AND CONTENT

This Private and Special Law authorizes the Treasurer of State to issue serial coupon bonds not exceeding \$5,965,000 to provide for capital improvements, construction, renovation, equipment and furnishings for the following projects at the University of Maine:

	1977-78
Farmington Campus	
Classroom-Laboratory Building	\$ 3,870,000
Orono Campus	
Environmental Science Building	1,500,000

Portland/Gorham Campus	
Science Building Equipment	445,000
Orono Campus	
English/Mathematics Building 3rd Floor, Completion and Equipment	150,000
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Total	\$ 5,965,000

The bonds shall not run for a period greater than 20 years and shall be backed by the full faith and credit of the State. The Board of Trustees of the University of Maine, with approval of the Bureau of Public Improvements, shall supervise the expenditure of proceeds from the sale of the bonds. This Act shall not preclude the State from accepting grants from non-state sources to aid in acquiring property for planning, constructing, or equipping any of the projects listed in this Act.

A "YES" VOTE favors authorization of bond issue in the amount of \$5,965,000 for Construction and Renovations of Higher Education Facilities at the University of Maine.

A "NO" VOTE opposes the action.

REFERENDUM QUESTION NO. 4

"Shall the State authorize bond issue in the amount of \$3,748,000 for construction of an educational wing at Central Maine Vocational-Technical Institute, a mechanicals building at Eastern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute, a multipurpose instructional building at Northern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute and a building construction facility at Southern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute, as passed by the First Regular Session of the 108th Legislature?"

INTENT AND CONTENT

This Private and Special Law authorizes the Treasurer of State, under direction of the Governor, to issue serial coupon bonds not exceeding \$3,748,000 to raise funds for construction at the following institutions:

Central Maine Vocational-Technical Institute — Auburn	
Educational Wing	\$ 1,058,000
Eastern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute — Bangor	
Mechanicals Building	726,000

Northern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute — Presque Isle	
Multi-purpose Instructional Building	1,400,000
Southern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute — South Portland	
Building Construction Facilities	564,000
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Total	\$ 3,748,000

The bonds shall not run for more than 20 years and shall be backed by the full faith and credit of the State. The Director of the Bureau of Public Improvements shall supervise expenditure of the proceeds from sale of bonds. This Act shall not preclude the State from accepting grants from non-state sources to aid in planning, constructing, equipping or acquiring property for any of the listed projects.

A **"YES" VOTE** favors authorization of bond issue in the amount of \$3,748,000 for Construction at Maine Vocational-Technical Institutes.

A **"NO" VOTE** opposes the action.

REFERENDUM QUESTION NO. 5

"Shall, 'AN ACT to Authorize a Bond Issue in the Amount of \$10,000,000 for Energy Conservation Improvements for State-owned Buildings and Public School Buildings,' as passed by the First Regular Session of the 108th Legislature, be approved?"

INTENT AND CONTENT

This Private and Special Law authorizes the Treasurer of State, under the direction of the Governor, to issue serial coupon bonds not exceeding \$10,000,000 to raise funds for energy conservation improvements for State-owned buildings and public school buildings. The bonds shall not run for more than 20 years and shall be backed by the full faith and credit of the State.

The Director of Public Improvements shall supervise expenditure of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds. The Director shall disburse to state departments and agencies \$5,000,000 to cover 100% of the costs of energy efficiency surveys and of energy conservation improvements. The director with approval of the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services shall disburse \$5,000,000 to public schools to cover 90% of the costs indicated by energy efficiency surveys. The participating local school unit shall be responsible for the remaining 10% of the costs indicated by energy efficiency surveys.

Energy conservation improvements are made to increase the efficient use of energy and shall include both the updating of heating, ventilation, lighting, and electrical systems and the installation of storm windows and insulation. Energy efficiency surveys are comprehensive studies undertaken under supervision of the Bureau of Public Improvements to determine (a) what improvements can be adopted to decrease the energy operating costs of a building; (b) the cost of those improvements; and (c) whether those improvements are cost effective.

The Director of the Bureau of Public Improvements or the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services may reimburse state departments and agencies and local school units for energy conservation improvements undertaken between June 1, 1977 and January 2, 1978, if the following criteria are met:

1. The improvements were undertaken specifically to conserve energy, and

2. The buildings to which the improvements were made would be eligible under this Act and the Director of the Bureau of Public Improvements or the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services determined that the improvements were a high priority.

A "YES" VOTE favors authorization of bond issue in the amount of \$10,000,000 for Energy Conservation Improvements for State-owned Buildings and Public School Buildings.

A "NO" VOTE opposes the action.

REFERENDUM QUESTION NO. 6

"Shall a bond issue be ratified for the purposes set forth in 'AN ACT to Appropriate Money for Improvements to Airports and to Authorize General Fund Bond Issues in the Amount of \$1,800,000,' as passed by the 108th Legislature?"

INTENT AND CONTENT

This Private and Special Law authorizes the Treasurer of State, under direction of the Governor, to issue serial coupon bonds not exceeding \$1,800,000 to raise funds for the following airport improvements:

Airport Improvements	
Auburn - Lewiston	\$ 36,300
Airport Improvements	
Augusta	665,050

Airport Improvements	
Bangor	138,540
Airport Improvements	
Bar Harbor	22,150
Airport Improvements	
Belfast	1,500
Airport Improvements	
Caribou	6,000
Airport Improvements	
Dexter	4,000
Airport Improvements	
Dover - Foxcroft	1,500
Airport Improvements	
Fort Kent	3,000
Airport Improvements	
Frenchville	16,000
Airport Improvements	
Fryeburg	9,000
Airport Improvements	
Islesboro	1,700
Airport Improvements	
Jackman	2,000
Airport Improvements	
Knox County	25,650
Airport Improvements	
Lincoln	5,000
Airport Improvements	
Norridgewock	5,500
Airport Improvements	
Old Town	26,100
Airport Improvements	
Pittsfield	5,500
Airport Improvements	
Portage Lake	6,000
Airport Improvements	
Portland	699,059
Airport Improvements	
Presque Isle	48,933
Airport Improvements	
Princeton	1,750
Airport Improvements	
Rangeley	2,250
Airport Improvements	
Sanford	5,000

Airport Improvements	
Waterville	31,175
Airport Improvements	
Wiscasset	7,583
Discretionary	23,760
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Total Appropriations	\$ 1,800,000

The Department of Transportation may adjust the amounts listed above if anticipated matching funds are not raised, federal matching ratios change or minor adjustments in the scope of the project are necessary. The total expenditures of State money, however, cannot exceed the amount of the bond issue. The Legislature intends that airport projects for which matching funds are required shall not receive State money until the matching funds are available.

The bonds shall be payable serially within 20 years from date of issue and shall be backed by the full faith and credit of the State.

A "YES" VOTE favors authorization of bond issue in the amount of \$1,800,000 for Improvements of Airports.

A "NO" VOTE opposes the action.

REFERENDUM QUESTION NO. 7

"Shall a bond issue be ratified for the purpose set forth in 'An Act to Authorize Bond Issue in the Amount of \$11,500,000 for the Highway and Bridge Improvement Program,' passed by the first regular session of the 108th Legislature?"

INTENT AND CONTENT

This Private and Special Law authorizes the Treasurer of State, under direction of the Governor, to issue serial coupon bonds not exceeding \$11,500,000 to raise funds for highway and bridge improvements in accordance with allocations made by Legislature for the Highway and Bridge Improvement Program. The receipts from the sale of the bonds shall be expended as follows:

1977-78	1978-79
\$ 5,010,000	\$ 6,490,000

The bonds shall be payable serially within 20 years from date of issue and shall be backed by the full faith and credit of the State.

A "YES" VOTE favors authorization of bond issue in the amount of \$11,500,000 for Highway and Bridge Improvement Program.

A "NO" VOTE opposes the action.

REFERENDUM QUESTION NO. 8

"Shall the State authorize bond issue in the amount of \$2,100,000 to Establish a Maine Veterans Home, as enacted by the First Regular Session of the 108th Legislature?"

INTENT AND CONTENT

This Public Law authorizes the Treasurer of State, under direction of the Governor, to issue serial coupon bonds not exceeding \$2,100,000 to raise funds to construct a Maine Veterans Home for the support and care of honorably discharged veterans. Persons who served in the Armed Forces of the United States in any war, including the Korean or Viet Nam conflicts, will be considered "veterans."

The bonds shall not run longer than 25 years and shall be backed by the full faith and credit of the State. The Board of Trustees of the Maine Veterans Home, with approval of the Bureau of Public Improvements, shall supervise both expenditure of proceeds of the bonds and operation of the home.

The Board of Trustees shall consist of the Director of the Bureau of Veterans Services and eight veterans appointed by the Governor. Members of the Board shall not receive compensation but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses.

The Board shall set maintenance fees for members of the home at an amount necessary to amortize the principal and interest of the bonds. Each resident of the home shall pay only that portion of maintenance fee which the resident can afford.

Only veterans who were residents of Maine at the time of entry into the Armed Forces, or who have been residents of Maine for three years prior to application for admission are eligible for admission to the home. Spouses of eligible veterans are themselves eligible for admission if suitable facilities are available.

The Board will be empowered to receive bequests and donations to improve the condition of both the home and its residents. The Board shall operate the home as a self-liquidating project until all bonds are retired.

The administrator shall deposit with the Treasurer of State funds received both from residents as maintenance fees and from all other non-state sources. The Treasurer shall hold the funds in a permanent

continuous fund which the administrator shall draw upon for maintenance of the home. A percentage of the funds should be placed in reserve for capital improvements which are approved by the Board.

A "YES" VOTE favors authorization of bond issue in the amount of \$2,100,000 to Establish a Maine Veterans Home.

A "NO" VOTE opposes the action.

STATE OF MAINE

Summary of Bonded Indebtedness — June 30, 1977

Total Bonds Outstanding	\$274,850,000.00
Total Interest to Maturity	97,646,590.65
Authorized but unissued —	
Current Programs	\$ 50,868,000.00
Limit of Potential Contingent	
Bond Liability	64,453,725.00
Total Authorized but unissued bonds	115,321,725.00
Total Amount of bonds contemplated	
to be issued if the issues	
submitted to voters be ratified	65,413,000.00

INITIATED BILL

"AN ACT TO REPEAL THE STATE PROPERTY TAX"

STATE OF MAINE

In the Year of Our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Six

AN ACT TO REPEAL THE STATE PROPERTY TAX

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

Sec. 1. 20 M.R.S.A. §3742, first and second paragraphs, as enacted by P.L. 1975, C. 660, §2 are repealed and the following enacted one in place thereof:

It is the intent of the Legislature to provide at least 50% of the cost of operation of the public schools from general fund revenue sources.

Sec. 2. 20 M.R.S.A. §3747[8] as enacted by P.L. 1975 C. 660, §2 and amended by P.L. 1975 C. 754, §3 is repealed.

Sec. 3. 36 M.R.S.A. §451[2] as enacted by P.L. 1975 C. 660, §5 is repealed.

Sec. 4. 36 M.R.S.A §452 second paragraph as enacted by P.L. 1975, C. 660, §5 is repealed.

Sec. 5. 36 M.R.S.A. §453 as enacted by P.L. 1975, C. 660, §5 and P.L. 1975, C. 754, §6 is repealed.

Sec. 6. 36 M.R.S.A. §453-A, as enacted by P.L. 1975, C. 754, §7 is repealed.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill repeals the Uniform State Property Tax and returns to the municipalities the authority to set the property tax rate for public school purposes.

STATE OF MAINE PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the One Hundred and Seventh Legislature of the State of Maine, commencing upon the first Wednesday of January in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-five, duly enacted a law establishing a uniform state property tax, Public Law 1975, Chapter 660, entitled "AN ACT to Revise the Laws Relating to Funding of Public Schools", now coded as 20 MRSA Chapter 512-A and cited as "The School Finance Act of 1976" and as 36 MRSA Chapter 103, Subchapter II, and cited as "Assessment of State Property Taxes"; and

WHEREAS, written petitions bearing the signatures of 46,583 electors of this State, which number is in excess of ten percent of the total vote cast in the last gubernatorial election preceding the filing of such petitions, as required by Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 of the Constitution of Maine, were addressed to the One Hundred and Eighth Legislature of the State of Maine and were filed in the office of the Secretary of State within fifty days after the convening of the Legislature in regular session, requesting that the Legislature consider a bill entitled: "AN ACT to Repeal the State Property Tax"; and

WHEREAS, the petitioning electors further requested that should the Legislature not enact said measure without change, that said measure be referred to the People at a Special Election ordered by Proclamation of the Governor; and

WHEREAS, the initiated bill, "AN ACT to Repeal the State Property Tax", failed enactment when the House of Representatives, on April 11, 1977, and the Senate, on April 7, 1977, accepted the ought not to pass majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature enacted certain bills that are in competition with the initiated bill, specifically Public Law 1977, Chapter

48, entitled "AN ACT to Extend to April 14th the Time Limit for Decision on State Funding Levels for Education and on the State Property Tax Rate, to Delay any Municipal Tax Commitments until April 28th, and to Extend the School Budget Adoption Date until May 15th" and Public Law 1977, Chapter 109, entitled "AN ACT to Ensure that the Uniform Property Tax Rate Conforms to Limits on Educational Funding Established by Statute"; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 of the Constitution of Maine, the initiated bill, unless enacted without change, shall be submitted to the electors together with any competing measures in such manner that the people can choose between the competing measures or reject both; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 of the Constitution of Maine, such election may be held not less than four nor more than six months from the date of this Proclamation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James B. Longley, Governor of the State of Maine, acting under the provision of Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 of the Constitution of Maine, do proclaim that a special election shall be called for the first Monday in December, being the fifth day of the month, in the year of Our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-seven, at which time questions shall be presented on the ballots prepared by the Secretary of State, in such manner that the people can choose between the competing measures or reject both, and voted on by the electors of the State in accordance with the Constitutional procedure.



In Testimony Whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed. GIVEN under my hand at Augusta, this fourth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-seven.

James B. Longley
Governor of the State of Maine

By the Governor:

Markham L. Gartley
Secretary of State

INTENT AND CONTENT

This initiated bill seeks to repeal the uniform property tax and to change portions of the school funding law. The uniform property tax is assessed upon all taxable property in the State at a uniform tax rate established by the Legislature. The school funding law instructs the Legislature to finance no more than one half the cost of public school education through the uniform property tax and to finance the remainder of the cost of education through other State revenue sources. The initiated bill seeks to change the school funding law by eliminating the uniform property tax as a source of funding for education.

A vote in the box marked "yes" is a vote to repeal the uniform property tax. A vote in the box marked "no" is a vote to retain the uniform property tax.

CHAPTER 67

PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS OF 1977

(As Amended by Section 2 of Chapter 584 of the Public Laws of 1977)

AN ACT to Authorize General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$30,000,000 for Planning, Construction and Equipment of Pollution Abatement Facilities.

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 to provide planning, construction and equipment for pollution abatement facilities.

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

Sec. 1. Issue of bonds to provide for planning, construction and equipment of pollution abatement facilities. The Treasurer of State is authorized, under the direction of the Governor, to issue from time to time bonds in the name and behalf of the State to an amount not exceeding \$30,000,000 for the purpose of raising funds to provide for the planning, construction and equipment of pollution abatement facilities authorized under the Revised Statutes and Acts amendatory thereof. 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 or 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 prior to the issuance of the bonds.

The Treasurer of State, with the approval of the Governor, shall determine the form of 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 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 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, and may be interchangeable as the Treasurer of State may determine.

Sec. 2. 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. 3. Sale, how negotiated, proceeds appropriated. The Treasurer of State may negotiate the sale of such bonds by direction of the Commissioner of Environmental Protection with the approval of the Governor. 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 Commissioner of Environmental Protection 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. 4. 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. 5. 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. 6. Disbursement of bond proceeds. The proceeds of such bonds shall be expended under the direction and supervision of the Department of Environmental Protection.

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

Statutory referendum procedure; form of question; effective date. This Act shall be submitted to the legal voters of the State of Maine ~~at a special statewide election to be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November following passage of this Act on the same day as the special election to be held in accordance with the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 on 108th Legislature~~ Initiated Bill #1: "AN ACT to Repeal the State Property Tax." The city aldermen, town selectmen and plantation assessors of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election, to vote on the acceptance or rejection of this Act by voting on the following question:

"Shall a bond issue be ratified for the purposes set forth in 'An Act to Authorize General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$30,000,000 for the Planning, Construction and Equipment of Pollution Abatement Facilities,' passed by the First Regular Session of the 108th Legislature?"

The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question, and shall designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square below the words "Yes" or "No." The ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review the returns, and, if it appears that a majority of the legal voters are in favor of the Act, the Governor shall proclaim that fact without delay, and the Act shall become effective 30 days after the date of the proclamation.

The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this Act necessary to carry out the purpose of this referendum.

This Act was presented to the Governor by the Senate on July 8, 1977, and has become law without his signature. (Constitution, Article IV, Part Third)

Received in the office of the Secretary of State July 21, 1977.

INTENT AND CONTENT

This Private and Special Law authorized the Treasurer of State,

under the direction of the Governor, to issue bonds not exceeding \$30,000,000 to raise funds for the planning, construction and equipping of pollution abatement facilities authorized by Maine Statutes. The bonds shall not run for a period greater than 20 years and shall be backed by the full faith and credit of the State. The Department of Environmental Protection shall supervise the expenditure of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds.

CHAPTER 68 PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS OF 1977

(As Amended by Section 3 of Chapter 584 of the Public Laws of 1977)

AN ACT to Authorize a Bond Issue in the Amount of \$300,000 for use in Conjunction with Approximately \$600,000 to be Raised by the Maine Maritime Academy for the Renovation of Leavitt Hall at the academy.

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 capital improvements, construction, renovations, equipment and furnishings for the Maine Maritime Academy.

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 Maine Maritime Academy. The Treasurer of State is authorized, under the direction of the Governor, to issue from time to time serial coupon bonds in the name and on behalf of the State to an amount not exceeding \$300,000 for the purpose of raising funds to provide for the capital improvements, construction, renovations, equipment and furnishings as authorized by section 6. The bonds shall be deemed a pledge of the faith and credit of the State. The bonds shall run for a period not longer 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.

Sec. 2. Records of bonds issued to be kept by State Auditor and Treasurer of State. The State Auditor shall keep an account of the 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 the bonds by direction of the Governor; but no such bonds shall be loaned, pledged or hypothecated in behalf of the State. The proceeds of the sales of the bonds, which shall be held by the Treasurer of State and paid by him upon warrants drawn by the Governor, are appropriated to be used solely for the purposes set forth in this Act. Any unencumbered balances remaining at the completion of the project 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 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 the bonds shall be expended under the direction and supervision of the Maine Maritime Academy.

Sec. 6. Allocations from General Fund bond issue.

MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY

Renovations to Leavitt Hall

1977-78

\$ 300,000

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 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 the inhabitants for the election of Senators and Representatives, ~~at the next special or statewide election~~ on the same day as the special election to be held in accordance with the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 on 108th Legislature Initiated Bill #1: "AN ACT to Repeal the State Property Tax" to give in their votes upon the acceptance or rejection of the foregoing Act, and the question shall be:

"Shall 'An Act to authorize a bond issue in the amount of \$300,000 for use in conjunction with approximately \$600,000 to be raised by the Maine Maritime Academy for the renovation of Leavitt Hall at the

academy,' as approved by the First Regular Session of the 108th Legislature, be accepted?"

The inhabitants of the 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 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 the 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.

This Act was presented to the Governor by the Senate on July 8, 1977, and has become law without his signature. (Constitution, Article IV, Part Third)

Received in the office of the Secretary of State July 21, 1977.

INTENT AND CONTENT

This Private and Special Law authorizes the Treasurer of State, under direction of the Governor, to issue serial coupon bonds not exceeding \$300,000 to raise funds to provide for construction, capital improvements, renovation, equipment and furnishing for Leavitt Hall at the Maine Maritime Academy. The bonds shall not run for more than 20 years and shall be backed by the full faith and credit of the State. The Maine Maritime Academy shall supervise the expenditure of proceeds from the sale of the bonds. The proceeds from the sale of the bonds shall be used in conjunction with approximately \$600,000 to be raised by the Maine Maritime Academy.

CHAPTER 69

PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS OF 1977

(As Amended by Section 4 of Chapter 584 of the Public Laws of 1977)

AN ACT to Authorize Bond Issue in the Amount of \$5,965,000 for the

Construction and Renovations of Higher Education Facilities at the University of Maine.

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 capital improvements 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 to issue from time to time serial coupon bonds in the name and behalf of the State to an amount not exceeding \$5,965,000 for the purpose of raising funds to provide for such capital improvements authorized by section 8. 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.

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; but no such bonds 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 request by the University of Maine, are appropriated to be used solely for the purpose set forth in this Act. Any unencumbered balances remaining at the completion of the projects listed in section 8 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.

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 with the approval of the Bureau of Public Improvements.

Sec. 6. Other sources of funds. This Act shall not in any manner preclude the University of Maine or the Treasurer of the State of Maine from accepting from any authorized agency of the Federal Government or other nonstate sources construction aid fund grants, debt service grant funds or other grants for the planning, construction, equipping or property acquisition for any of the projects provided for in this Act, nor from entering into agreements with such agency or agencies respecting any such grants.

Sec. 7. 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 nor be available for any other purpose.

Sec. 8. Allocations from General Fund Bond Issue.

	1977-78
UNIVERSITY OF MAINE	
Farmington	
Classroom — Laboratory Building	\$ 3,870,000
Orono	
Environmental Science Building	1,500,000
Portland/Gorham	
Science Building Equipment	445,000
Orono	
English/Mathematics Building, 3rd Floor, Completion and Equipment	150,000
Total	<hr/> \$ 5,965,000

Sec. 9. Contingent upon ratification of bond issue. Sections 1 to 8 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. 10. 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 statewide election~~ on the same day as the special election to be held in accordance with the Constitution of Maine,

Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 on 108th Legislature Initiated Bill #1:
“AN ACT to Repeal the State Property Tax” to give in their votes upon the acceptance or rejection of the foregoing Act, and the Question shall be:

“Shall ‘An Act to Authorize Bond Issue in the Amount of \$5,965,000 for the Construction and Renovations of Higher Education Facilities at the University of Maine,’ as passed by the First Regular Session of the 108th Legislature, be accepted?”

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 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 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.

This Act was presented to the Governor by the Senate on July 8, 1977, and has become law without his signature. (Constitution, Article IV, Part Third)

Received in the office of the Secretary of State July 21, 1977.

INTENT AND CONTENT

This Private and Special Law authorizes the Treasurer of State to issue serial coupon bonds not exceeding \$5,965,000 to provide for capital improvements, construction, renovation, equipment and furnishings for the following projects at the University of Maine:

	1977-78
Farmington Campus	
Classroom — Laboratory Building	\$ 3,870,000
Orono Campus	
Environmental Science Building	1,500,000
Portland/Gorham Campus	
Science Building Equipment	445,000

Orono Campus
English/Mathematics Building
3rd Floor, Completion and
Equipment

150,000

Total

\$ 5,965,000

The bonds shall not run for a period greater than 20 years and shall be backed by the full faith and credit of the State. The Board of Trustees of the University of Maine, with approval of the Bureau of Public Improvements, shall supervise the expenditure of proceeds from the sale of the bonds. This Act shall not preclude the State from accepting grants from non-state sources to aid in acquiring property for planning, constructing, or equipping any of the projects listed in this Act.

CHAPTER 70

PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS OF 1977

(As Amended by Section 5 of Chapter 584 of the Public Laws of 1977)

AN ACT to Authorize Bond Issue in the Amount of \$3,748,000 for Construction of an Educational Wing at Central Maine Vocational-Technical Institute, a Mechanicals Building at Eastern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute, a Multipurpose Instructional Building at Northern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute and a Building Construction Facility at Southern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute.

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 construction at Central Maine Vocational-Technical Institute, Eastern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute, Northern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute and Southern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute.

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

Sec. 1. Issue of bonds to provide funds for construction of new facilities at vocational-technical institutes. The Treasurer of State is authorized, under the direction of the Governor to issue from time to time serial coupon bonds in the name and behalf of the State to an amount not exceeding \$3,748,000 for the purpose of raising funds to provide for construction pursuant to this Act. These bonds shall be deemed a pledge of the faith and credit of the State. These 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.

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; but no such bonds 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, are appropriated to be used solely for the purpose set forth in this Act. Any unencumbered balances remaining at the completion of the construction pursuant to this Act 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.

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. Other sources of funds. This Act shall not in any manner preclude the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services or the Treasurer of State from accepting from any authorized agency of the Federal Government or other nonstate sources construction aid fund grants, debt service grant funds or other grants for the planning, construction, equipping or property acquisition for any of the projects provided for in this Act, or from entering into agreements with such agency or agencies respecting any such grants.

Sec. 7. Allocations from General Fund bond issue.

Campus Location	Description	Project Cost
Auburn	Construction of educational wing	\$ 1,058,000
Bangor	Construction of mechanicals building	726,000

Presque Isle	Construction of multipurpose instructional building	1,400,000
South Portland	Construction of building construction facility	564,000
Total		<hr/> \$ 3,748,000

Sec. 8. Contingent upon ratification of bond issue. Sections 1 to 5 of this Act shall not become effective unless or 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 the next general or special statewide election~~ on the same day as the special election to be held in accordance with the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 on 108th Legislature Initiated Bill #1: "AN ACT to Repeal the State Property Tax" to give in their votes upon the acceptance or rejection of the foregoing Act, and the Question shall be:

"Shall the State authorize bond issue in the amount of \$3,748,000 for construction of an educational wing at Central Maine Vocational-Technical Institute, a mechanicals building at Eastern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute, a multipurpose instructional building at Northern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute and a building construction facility at Southern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute, as passed by the First Regular Session of the 108th 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 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 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.

This Act was presented to the Governor by the Senate on July 8, 1977, and has become law without his signature. (Constitution, Article IV, Part Third)

Received in the office of the Secretary of State July 21, 1977.

INTENT AND CONTENT

This Private and Special Law authorizes the Treasurer of State, under direction of the Governor, to issue serial coupon bonds not exceeding \$3,748,000 to raise funds for construction at the following institutions:

Central Maine Vocational-Technical	
Institute — Auburn	
Educational Wing	\$ 1,058,000
Eastern Maine Vocational-Technical	
Institute — Bangor	
Mechanicals Building	726,000
Northern Maine Vocational-Technical	
Institute — Presque Isle	
Multi-purpose Instructional Building	1,400,000
Southern Maine Vocational-Technical	
Institute — South Portland	
Building Construction Facilities	564,000
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Total	\$ 3,748,000

The bonds shall not run for more than 20 years and shall be backed by the full faith and credit of the State. The Director of the Bureau of Public Improvements shall supervise expenditure of the proceeds from sale of bonds. This Act shall not preclude the State from accepting grants from non-state sources to aid in planning, constructing, equipping or acquiring property for any of the listed projects.

CHAPTER 72

PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS OF 1977

(As Amended by Section 6 of Chapter 584 of the Public Laws of 1977)

AN ACT to Authorize a Bond Issue in the Amount of \$10,000,000 for

Energy Conservation Improvements for State-owned Buildings and Public School Buildings.

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 to provide funds for energy conservation improvements for state-owned buildings and public school buildings.

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

Sec. 1. Definitions. As used in this Act, the following terms shall have the following meanings.

1. Energy conservation improvements. Energy conservation improvements are improvements made to a building to increase energy efficiency. These improvements include, but are not limited to, installation of storm windows, insulation and updating of heating, ventilation, electrical and lighting systems.

2. Energy efficiency survey. Energy efficiency surveys are comprehensive studies undertaken under the supervision of the Bureau of Public Improvements to determine the type of improvements that can be applied to a building in order to decrease the energy operating cost of that building. Such a survey includes a classification of no cost, low cost and major cost items and also includes a determination of the cost effectiveness of each of the recommended improvements.

3. Public school buildings. Public school buildings are public elementary and secondary school buildings which are subject to the provisions of the Revised Statutes, Title 20, sections 3457 and 3460.

4. State-owned buildings. State-owned buildings are all state-owned buildings subject to the Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapters 141 to 155.

Sec. 2. The issue of bonds to provide funds for energy conservation improvements to state-owned buildings and public school buildings. The Treasurer of State is authorized under the direction of the Governor to issue from time to time serial coupon bonds in the name and on behalf of the State to an amount not exceeding \$10,000,000 for the purpose of raising funds to provide for energy conservation improvements to state-owned buildings and public school buildings, as authorized by section 7. These bonds shall be deemed a pledge of the faith and credit of the State. These bonds shall not run for a longer period than 10 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.

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 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. 4. Sale, how negotiated; proceeds appropriated. The Treasurer of State may negotiate the sale of such bonds by direction of the Governor; but no such bonds shall be loaned, pledged or hypothecated in behalf of the State. The proceeds of sales of such bonds, which shall be held by the Treasurer of State and paid by him upon warrants drawn by the Governor, 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 7 shall lapse to the debt service account established for the retirement of these bonds.

Sec. 5. 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. 6. Disbursement of bond proceeds. The proceeds of such bonds shall be expended under the direction and supervision of the Director of Public Improvements.

The Bureau of Public Improvements shall keep records of the energy savings of all projects funded under this Act. This record shall be a public record.

Sec. 7. Allocations from bond issue.

EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Public elementary and secondary schools.

Funds shall be disbursed on the basis of 90% state matching funds in accordance with the results of the energy efficiency surveys and with the approval of the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services. The remaining 10% of the cost shall be borne by participating local school units and will not be eligible for state reimbursement.

COST: \$5,000,000

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, BUREAU OF

Funds for state departments and agencies shall be disbursed on the

basis of 100% of the cost of the energy efficiency surveys and of energy conservation improvements.

COST: \$5,000,000

Sec. 8. Retroactive reimbursement. Energy conservation improvements to public school buildings and state-owned buildings undertaken between June 1, 1977 and January 2, 1978 may be considered reimbursable under the provisions of this Act as determined by the Director of the Bureau of Public Improvements or by the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services provided that the following criteria have been met:

1. **Purpose.** The improvements were undertaken specifically for energy conservation.

2. **Priority.** The buildings to which the energy conservation improvements were made would be eligible for energy conservation improvements under this Act, and the improvements were a high priority measure as determined by the Director of the Bureau of Public Improvements or the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services.

Sec. 9. Contingent upon ratification of bond issue. Sections 1 to 8 of this Act shall not become effective unless and until the people of the State shall have ratified the issuance of bonds as set forth in this Act.

Sec. 10. Statutory referendum procedure; form of question; effective date. This Act shall be submitted to the legal voters of the State of Maine at a special statewide election to be held ~~on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November following passage of this Act on the same day as the special election to be held in accordance with the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 on 108th Legislature Initiated Bill #1: "AN ACT to Repeal the State Property Tax."~~ The city aldermen, town selectmen and plantation assessors of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election, to vote on the acceptance or rejection of this Act by voting on the following question:

"Shall, 'AN ACT to Authorize a Bond Issue in the Amount of \$10,000,000 for Energy Conservation Improvements for State-owned Buildings and Public School Buildings,' as passed by the First Regular Session of the 108th Legislature, be approved?"

The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question, and shall designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square below the words "Yes" or "No." The ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in

open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review the returns, and, if it appears that a majority of the legal votes are in favor of the Act, the Governor shall proclaim that fact without delay, and the Act shall become effective 30 days after the date of the proclamation.

The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this Act necessary to carry out the purpose of this referendum.

This Act was presented to the Governor by the Senate on July 8, 1977, and has become law without his signature. (Constitution, Article IV, Part Third)

Received in the office of the Secretary of State July 21, 1977.

INTENT AND CONTENT

This Private and Special Law authorizes the Treasurer of State, under the direction of the Governor, to issue serial coupon bonds not exceeding \$10,000,000 to raise funds for energy conservation improvements for State-owned buildings and public school buildings. The bonds shall not run for more than 20 years and shall be backed by the full faith and credit of the State.

The Director of Public Improvements shall supervise expenditure of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds. The Director shall disburse to state departments and agencies \$5,000,000 to cover 100% of the costs of energy efficiency surveys and of energy conservation improvements. The Director with approval of the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services shall disburse \$5,000,000 to public schools to cover 90% of the costs indicated by energy efficiency surveys. The participating local school unit shall be responsible for the remaining 10% of the costs indicated by energy efficiency surveys.

Energy conservation improvements are made to increase the efficient use of energy and shall include both the updating of heating, ventilation, lighting, and electrical systems and the installation of storm windows and insulation. Energy efficiency surveys are comprehensive studies undertaken under supervision of the Bureau of Public Improvements to determine (a) what improvements can be adopted to decrease the energy operating costs of a building; (b) the cost of those improvements; and (c) whether those improvements are cost effective.

The Director of the Bureau of Public Improvements or the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services may reimburse state departments and agencies and local school units for energy conservation

improvements undertaken between June 1, 1977 and January 2, 1978, if the following criteria are met:

1. The improvements were undertaken specifically to conserve energy, and
2. The buildings to which the improvements were made would be eligible under this Act and the Director of the Bureau of Public Improvements or the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services determined that the improvements were a high priority.

CHAPTER 74

PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS OF 1977

(As Amended by Section 7 of Chapter 584 of the Public Laws of 1977)

AN ACT to Appropriate Money for Improvements to Airports and to Authorize General Fund Bond Issues in the Amount of \$1,800,000.

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 improving airports.

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

Sec. 1. Bond Issue of \$1,800,000 authorized. The Treasurer of State is authorized, under the direction of the Governor, to issue from time to time, serial coupon bonds in the name and behalf of the State to an amount not exceeding \$1,800,000 payable serially at the State Treasury within 20 years from 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 shall direct. The proceeds from the sale of said bonds shall be used for airport improvements as authorized by section 4. 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 Airport Improvement 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. 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. 3. Disbursement of bond proceeds. The proceeds of such bonds shall be expended under the direction and supervision of the Department of Transportation.

Sec. 4. Appropriations from General Fund bond issue. The funds appropriated by this section for the following airports shall be expended for improvements at said airports:

Airport Improvements, Auburn-Lewiston	\$ 36,300
Airport Improvements, Augusta	665,050
Airport Improvements, Bangor	138,540
Airport Improvements, Bar Harbor	22,150
Airport Improvements, Belfast	1,500
Airport Improvements, Caribou	6,000
Airport Improvements, Dexter	4,000
Airport Improvements, Dover-Foxcroft	1,500
Airport Improvements, Fort Kent	3,000
Airport Improvements, Frenchville	16,000
Airport Improvements, Fryeburg	9,000
Airport Improvements, Islesboro	1,700
Airport Improvements, Jackman	2,000
Airport Improvements, Knox County	25,650
Airport Improvements, Lincoln	5,000
Airport Improvements, Norridgewock	5,500
Airport Improvements, Old Town	26,100
Airport Improvements, Pittsfield	5,500
Airport Improvements, Portage Lake	6,000
Airport Improvements, Portland	699,059
Airport Improvements, Presque Isle	48,933
Airport Improvements, Princeton	1,750
Airport Improvements, Rangeley	2,250
Airport Improvements, Sanford	5,000
Airport Improvements, Waterville	31,175
Airport Improvements, Wiscasset	7,583
Discretionary	23,760
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Total Appropriations	\$ 1,800,000

The amounts listed after each airport are to be construed as guides and may be adjusted by the Department of Transportation in case local matching funds are not raised as anticipated, minor adjustments in project scope are necessary, or federal matching ratios change, as long as the total expenditures of state money do not exceed the total amount of the bond issue.

It is the intent of the Legislature that any of the above airports for

which matching funds are required shall have such matching funds available before any state money is expended at said airport.

Sec. 5. Appropriation balances at year end. At the end of each fiscal year, all unencumbered appropriation balances representing state moneys shall carry forward from year to year. It is further provided that unencumbered appropriation balances remaining at June 30, 1985, shall go into a debt service account to pay interest or principal on the issued bonds.

Sec. 6. Contingent upon ratification of bond issue. Sections 1 to 4 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. 7. 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 statewide election~~ on the same day as the special election to be held in accordance with the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 on 108th Legislature Initiated Bill #1: "AN ACT to Repeal the State Property Tax," 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 Appropriate Money for Improvements to Airports and to Authorize General Fund Bond Issues in the Amount of \$1,800,000,' as passed by the 108th 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 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.

This Act was presented to the Governor by the Senate on July 8, 1977, and has become law without his signature. (Constitution, Article IV, Part Third)

Received in the office of the Secretary of State July 21, 1977.

INTENT AND CONTENT

This Private and Special Law authorizes the Treasurer of State, under direction of the Governor, to issue serial coupon bonds not exceeding \$1,800,000 to raise funds for the following airport improvements:

Airport Improvements, Auburn-Lewiston	\$ 36,300
Airport Improvements, Augusta	665,050
Airport Improvements, Bangor	138,540
Airport Improvements, Bar Harbor	22,150
Airport Improvements, Belfast	1,500
Airport Improvements, Caribou	6,000
Airport Improvements, Dexter	4,000
Airport Improvements, Dover-Foxcroft	1,500
Airport Improvements, Fort Kent	3,000
Airport Improvements, Frenchville	16,000
Airport Improvements, Fryeburg	9,000
Airport Improvements, Islesboro	1,700
Airport Improvements, Jackman	2,000
Airport Improvements, Knox County	25,650
Airport Improvements, Lincoln	5,000
Airport Improvements, Norridgewock	5,500
Airport Improvements, Old Town	26,100
Airport Improvements, Pittsfield	5,500
Airport Improvements, Portage Lake	6,000
Airport Improvements, Portland	699,059
Airport Improvements, Presque Isle	48,933
Airport Improvements, Princeton	1,750
Airport Improvements, Rangeley	2,250
Airport Improvements, Sanford	5,000
Airport Improvements, Waterville	31,175
Airport Improvements, Wiscasset	7,583
Discretionary	23,760

Total Appropriations	\$ 1,800,000
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The Department of Transportation may adjust the amounts listed above if anticipated matching funds are not raised, federal matching ratios change or minor adjustments in the scope of the project are necessary. The total expenditures of State money, however, cannot exceed the amount of the bond issue. The Legislature intends that airport projects for which matching funds are required shall not receive State money until the matching funds are available.

The bonds shall be payable serially within 20 years from date of issue and shall be backed by the full faith and credit of the State.

CHAPTER 76

PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS OF 1977

(As Amended by Section 8 of Chapter 584 of the Public Laws of 1977)

AN ACT to Authorize Bond Issue in the Amount of \$11,500,000 for the Highway and Bridge Improvement Program.

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 for the purpose of improving state highways and bridges.

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

Sec. 1. Bond Issue of \$11,500,000 authorized. In addition to state highway and bridge bonds heretofore authorized, the Treasurer of State is authorized, under the direction of the Governor, to issue from time to time, serial coupon bonds in the name and behalf of the State to an amount not exceeding \$11,500,000 payable serially at the State Treasury within 20 years from 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 shall direct. The proceeds from the sale of said bonds shall be used for highway and bridge improvements 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 Highway and Bridge Improvement 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. Allocation of Highway Fund bond issue. Receipt to the Highway Fund for the fiscal years—from July 1, 1977 to June 30, 1978,

and from July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979—from the proceeds of the sale of bonds shall be segregated, apportioned and expended as designated in the following schedule:

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0406 Highway — Highway and Bridge

Improvements 2-761	\$5,010,000	\$6,490,000
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Sec. 3. Contingent upon ratification of bond issue. Sections 1 and 2 of this Act shall not become effective unless the people of the State of Maine shall have ratified the issuance of bonds as set forth in this Act.

Statutory referendum procedure; form of question; effective date. This Act shall be submitted to the legal voters of the State of Maine at a special statewide election to be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November following passage of this Act on the same day as the special election to be held in accordance with the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 on 108th Legislature Initiated Bill #1: "AN ACT to repeal the State Property Tax." The city aldermen, town selectmen and plantation assessors of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election, to vote on the acceptance or rejection of this Act by voting on the following question:

"Shall a bond issue be ratified for the purpose set forth in 'An Act to Authorize Bond Issue in the Amount of \$11,500,000 for the Highway and Bridge Improvement Program,' passed by the first regular session of the 108th Legislature?"

The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question, and shall designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square below the words "Yes" or "No." The ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review the returns, and, if it appears that a majority of the legal voters are in favor of the Act, the Governor shall proclaim that fact without delay, and the Act shall become effective 30 days after the date of the proclamation.

The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this Act necessary to carry out the purpose of this referendum.

Approved July 22, 1977

INTENT AND CONTENT

This Private and Special Law authorizes the Treasurer of State, under direction of the Governor, to issue serial coupon bonds not exceeding \$11,500,000 to raise funds for highway and bridge improvements in accordance with allocations made by Legislature for the Highway and Bridge Improvement Program. The receipts from the sale of the bonds shall be expended as follows:

1977-78
\$ 5,010,000

1978-79
\$ 6,490,000

The bonds shall be payable serially within 20 years from date of issue and shall be backed by the full faith and credit of the State.

CHAPTER 562

PUBLIC LAWS OF 1977

(As Amended by Section 1 of Chapter 584 of the Public Laws of 1977)

AN ACT to Authorize Bond Issue in the Amount of \$2,100,000 to Establish a Maine Veterans Home.

Preamble. Two-thirds of both Houses of the Legislature deeming it necessary in accordance with the Maine Constitution, Article IX, Section 14, to authorize the issuance of self-liquidating bonds on behalf of the State of Maine to establish a Maine Veterans Home.

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

Sec. 1. 37-A MRSA c. 28 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 28

MAINE VETERANS HOME

§ 1401. Establishment

There is established in the State of Maine a home known as "Maine Veterans Home" primarily for support and care of honorably discharged veterans, hereinafter in this chapter referred to as members who served in the Armed Forces of the United States in any war, including the Korean and Viet Nam conflicts.

§ 1402. Board of trustees

The administration of the home is vested in the Board of Trustees of Maine Veterans Home. The board shall consist of 9 members, one of whom shall be the Director of the Bureau of Veterans Services who shall serve without term. The remaining trustees shall be appointed by the Governor to a term of 3 years. All trustees of the board shall be

honorably discharged war veterans and one member shall be appointed from and shall represent each of the largest veterans organizations, not exceeding 5, which are nationally chartered and have a department in Maine. The remaining members shall be appointed at large. Three of the trustees shall be appointed for a term of one year, 3 shall be appointed for a term of 2 years and 2 shall be appointed for a term of 3 years at the time of the initial appointments. Appointments thereafter shall be for the regular term of 3 years. In the event of a vacancy, the successor shall be appointed to complete the unexpired term. Each trustee shall continue to hold office until his successor is appointed and qualified.

§ 1403. Duties of the board

The board shall meet at least 6 times annually and adhere to the same fiscal year as the State of Maine. They shall hold their first meeting for organizational and other purposes, at which meeting the board shall elect a chairman and secretary for the fiscal year. Each succeeding year, the board shall hold their first meeting in July. Five members shall constitute a quorum. Special meetings may be called by agreement of a majority of trustees. The board shall adopt such rules and regulations as are necessary to administer the home, to provide for just charges for maintenance of members, to determine the admittance and discharge of members and generally to oversee the operation of the home. The board shall appoint an administrator to administer the home. The board is empowered to apply for any grants-in-aid, federal or otherwise, to which the State or the Maine Veterans Home may be eligible.

§ 1404. Administrator

The administrator shall be an honorably discharged war veteran and shall administer the home in accordance with the rules, regulations, guidelines and general policy as may be established by the board. He shall serve an indefinite term, but may be removed for cause by the board. His salary shall be set by the board. The administrator shall hire, subject to the Personnel Law, the necessary employees to operate the home and, whenever possible, shall give preference in hiring to war veterans. The administrator shall be encouraged to live on the grounds of the home, in quarters owned and maintained by the home if available, and if so, he shall pay telephone and electrical charges attributable to his domicile, but shall not be required to pay rent, heating costs or repairs and renovations.

§ 1405. Admission of members

Veterans desiring admission to the home shall make application on

forms prescribed by the administrator and admission will be made by the administrator only to veterans who were residents of Maine at the time of their entry into the Armed Forces of the United States or who have been residents of Maine at least 3 years prior to requesting admission, and the spouses of such veterans, providing suitable facilities are available. Admission will be granted when provisions of the rules and regulations are met, when there is a vacancy and in order of application, unless otherwise provided in the rules and regulations.

§ 1406. Charges to members

Each member shall pay to the State such share of the costs of his maintenance as he can afford and as prescribed in the rules and regulations.

§ 1407. Donations

The board of trustees is empowered to receive, on behalf of the State, all bequests and donations that may be made to improve the general comfort and welfare of the members or for the betterment of the home.

§ 1408. Custodian of funds

Funds shall be deposited with the Treasurer of State by the administrator from members for their maintenance, the United States Treasury and other funds given or granted to the home, other than state appropriations.

§ 1409. Continuous fund

All funds received by the Treasurer of State shall be held by him in a permanent continuous fund to be drawn upon by the administrator of the home for support and maintenance of the home as it is required. A percentage of these funds should be placed in reserve for capital improvement expenditures as approved by the board of trustees. However, the board of trustees shall operate the home, when constructed, as a self-liquidating project until all the bonds issued as provided by this chapter shall be retired.

§ 1410. Reports

The board shall make an annual report to the Governor. Such report shall account for all moneys received and expended, statistics on members who resided in the home during the year, recommendations to the Governor and Legislature and such other matters as the board may deem pertinent. The administrator, subject to approval of the board, shall compile a biennial budget on the forms and at the time as required of all other state agencies.

§ 1411. Compensation of the board

No trustee shall receive compensation for any services rendered the home but necessary expenses incurred by a trustee in the performance of his official duties shall be paid by the State.

Sec. 2. Authorization of bond issue for construction of Maine Veterans Home. The cost of constructing the Maine Veterans Home, including any expenses incurred in financing thereof, shall be taken and appropriated from the proceeds of bonds issued under the authority of this Act.

1. Issue of self-liquidating bonds to provide for construction. The Treasurer of State is authorized, under the direction of the Governor, to issue from time to time serial coupon bonds in the name and behalf of the State to an amount not exceeding \$2,100,000 for the purpose of raising funds to provide for construction pursuant to this Act. These 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. These bonds shall not run for a longer period than 25 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.

2. Operation of Maine Veterans Home. The board of trustees shall operate the home, when completed, 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 board of trustees shall charge and collect such maintenance fees for the use of the home as may be determined from time to time as necessary for the amortization of the principal of and the interest of 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 fees so charged and collected as assessed by the board.

3. 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 successful bidder to whom sold, the amount received for the same, the date of sale and the date when payable.

4. Sale, how negotiated; proceeds appropriated. The Treasurer of State may negotiate the sale of such bonds by direction of the Governor, 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 State Controller, are appropriated to be used solely for the purpose set forth in this Act. Any unencumbered balances remaining at the completion of the construction pursuant to this Act shall lapse to the debt service account established for the retirement of these bonds.

5. 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.

6. Disbursement of bond proceeds. The proceeds of such bonds shall be expended under the direction and supervision of the board of trustees with the approval of the Bureau of Public Improvements.

7. Other sources of funds. This Act shall not in any manner preclude the board of trustees or the Treasurer of State from accepting from any authorized agency of the Federal Government or other non-state sources construction aid fund grants, debt service grant funds or other grants for the planning, construction, equipping or property acquisition for any of the projects provided for in this Act, or from entering into agreements with such agency or agencies respecting any such grants.

8. Proceeds of bonds not available for other purposes; shall 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.

9. Allocations from self-liquidating bond issue.

Description	Project Cost
Construction of Maine Veterans Home	\$2,100,000

10. Contingent upon ratification of bond issue. Section 1 and subsections 1 through 9 of section 2 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.

11. 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 statewide election~~ on the same day as the special

election to be held in accordance with the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 on 108th Legislature Initiated Bill #1: "AN ACT to Repeal the State Property Tax" to give in their votes upon the acceptance or rejection of the foregoing Act, and the question shall be:

"Shall the State authorize bond issue in the amount of \$2,100,000 to Establish a Maine Veterans Home, as enacted by the First Regular Session of the 108th 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 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 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.

This Act was presented to the Governor by the Senate on July 11, 1977, and has become law without his signature. (Constitution, Article IV, Part Third)

Received in the office of the Secretary of State July 23, 1977.

INTENT AND CONTENT

This Public Law authorizes the Treasurer of State, under direction of the Governor, to issue serial coupon bonds not exceeding \$2,100,000 to raise funds to construct a Maine Veterans Home for the support and care of honorably discharged veterans. Persons who served in the Armed Forces of the United States in any war, including the Korean or Viet Nam conflicts, will be considered "veterans."

The bonds shall not run longer than 25 years and shall be backed by the full faith and credit of the State. The Board of Trustees of the Maine Veterans Home, with approval of the Bureau of Public Improvements, shall supervise both expenditure of proceeds of the bonds and operation of the home.

The Board of Trustees shall consist of the Director of the Bureau of Veterans Services and eight veterans appointed by the Governor. Members of the Board shall not receive compensation but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses.

The Board shall set maintenance fees for members of the home at an amount necessary to amortize the principal and interest of the bonds. Each resident of the home shall pay only that portion of maintenance fee which the resident can afford.

Only veterans who were residents of Maine at the time of entry into the Armed Forces, or who have been residents of Maine for three years prior to application for admission are eligible for admission to the home. Spouses of eligible veterans are themselves eligible for admission if suitable facilities are available.

The Board will be empowered to receive bequests and donations to improve the conditions of both the home and its residents. The Board shall operate the home as a self-liquidating project until all bonds are retired.

The administrator shall deposit with the Treasurer of State funds received both from residents as maintenance fees and from other non-state sources. The Treasurer shall hold the funds in a permanent continuous fund which the administrator shall draw upon for maintenance of the home. A percentage of the funds should be placed in reserve for capital improvements which are approved by the Board.