

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Bond Issues and Constitutional Amendments

In Accordance with Acts and Resolutions  
Passed by the 111th Legislature  
at the First and Second  
Regular Sessions and  
Third Special  
Session

## Bond Issues

1. "Do you favor a \$13,425,000 bond issue for buildings at the vocational-technical institutes and a tugboat at the Maine Maritime Academy?"
2. "Shall a bond issue be authorized in the amount of \$6,000,000 to build courthouses?"
3. "Shall a bond issue be authorized in the amount of \$16,500,000 for buildings at the University of Maine?"
4. "Shall a bond issue be authorized in the amount of \$10,035,000 to build and repair prisons?"

## Constitutional Amendments

5. "Shall the Constitution of Maine be amended to limit the life of bonds authorized but not issued?"
6. "Shall the Constitution of Maine be amended to provide for an equal rights amendment?"
7. "Shall the Constitution of Maine be amended to allow the Legislature to set the limit for guaranteed business loans to Maine Veterans?"
8. "Shall the Constitution of Maine be amended so that no watercraft will be taxed as personal property, provided there is an excise tax on some watercraft collected and used by municipalities?"



1984

To be Voted Upon at the General Election, Tuesday,  
November 6, 1984

RODNEY S. QUINN  
*Secretary of State*

Appropriation 1060.1

The issuing of bonds by the State of Maine is the way in which the State borrows money for purposes designated in the legislation authorizing the issue. The following is a summary of the bonded indebtedness of the State of Maine as of June 30, 1984.

Bonds Outstanding and Unpaid to Mature Through 2008	\$294,584,216.00
Interest to be Repaid on Bonds Issued	<u>166,727,673.80</u>
Total to be Repaid on Bonds Issued	<u>\$461,311,889.80</u>
Additional Bonds Authorized But Not Yet Issued	\$ 52,878,000.00
Authorized effective 7/1/84 But Not Yet Issued	15,735,000.00
Limit of Contingent Bonds Liability Authorized by Constitution and Laws But Unissued	<u>69,046,318.00</u>
Total Bonds Authorized But Unissued	<u>\$137,659,318.00</u>
Total Additional Bonds to be Authorized if Ratified by Voters	\$ 45,960,000.00
Potential New Estimate of Interest	\$ 22,118,250.00

When money is borrowed by issuing bonds, the State must repay not only the principal amount of the bonds but interest on that amount as well. The amount of interest to be paid will vary depending upon the rate of interest and the years of maturity at the time of issuance; an estimate of the total interest that may reasonably be expected to be paid on the issues submitted herewith for ratification is \$22,118,250.00 if the bonds are issued for the full statutory debt retirement period. The total principal and interest to be repaid over the life of the bonds on issues submitted herewith if ratified is thus estimated to be \$68,028,250.00. The amount that must be paid in the present fiscal year (July 1, 1984 to June 30, 1985) for debt already outstanding is \$33,364,216.00 in principal and \$20,238,959.80 in interest, a total of \$53,603,175.80.

Samuel Shapiro  
Treasurer of State

STATE OF MAINE  
CHAPTER 108  
PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS OF 1983

AN ACT to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$13,425,000 for Capital Improvements, Construction, Renovations, Equipment and Furnishings for Vocational-Technical Institutes and to Provide Funds for the Procurement of a Tugboat to be Used for Training Purposes at the Maine Maritime Academy.

**Preamble.** Two-thirds of both Houses of the Legislature deeming it necessary in accordance with the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 14, to authorize the issuance of bonds on behalf of the State of Maine to provide funds for capital improvements, construction, renovations, equipment and furnishings for Vocational-Technical Institutes and for the procurement of a tugboat for training purposes at 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 vocational-technical institutes and procurement of a tugboat for training purposes at the Maine Maritime Academy.** The Treasurer of State is authorized, under the direction of the Governor, to issue from time to time registered bonds in the name and behalf of the State in an amount not exceeding \$13,425,000 for the purpose of raising funds to provide for capital improvements, construction, renovations, equipment and furnishings for vocational-technical institutes and for the procurement of a tugboat for training purposes at the Maine Maritime Academy as authorized by section 6. The bonds shall be deemed a pledge of the faith and credit of the State. The 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. 2. Records of bonds issued to be kept by the 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 successful bidder 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 bond shall be loaned, pledged or hypothecated in behalf of the State. The proceeds of the sale 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 projects 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.

**Sec. 5. Disbursement of bonds proceeds.** The proceeds of the bonds set out in section 6, paragraph A shall be expended under the direction and supervision of the Director of Public Improvements. The proceeds of the bonds set out in section 6, paragraph B shall be expended under the direction and supervision of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Maritime Academy.

**Sec. 6. Allocations from General Fund bond issue — vocational-technical institutes and the Maine Maritime Academy.** The proceeds of the sale of bonds shall be expended as designated in the following schedule:

<b>A. EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES,</b>	
<b>DEPARTMENT OF</b>	
Central Maine Vocational-Technical Institute	\$ 1,600,000
Washington County Vocational-Technical Institute	1,120,000
Eastern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute	1,900,000
Southern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute	2,840,000
Northern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute	2,500,000
Kennebec Valley Vocational-Technical Institute	<u>2,940,000</u>
Department of Educational and Cultural Services	
Total	\$12,900,000
<b>B. MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY</b>	
Procurement of a tugboat for training purposes	<u>\$525,000</u>
Maine Maritime Academy	
Total	<u>\$525,000</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,425,000</b>

**Sec. 7. Transfer between items.** The amounts listed after the items in section 6, paragraph A are to be construed as a guide. Any of these amounts may be exceeded with the approval of the Governor by transfer from one item to another not exceeding 10% in the aggregate.

**Sec. 8. Contingent upon ratification of bond issue.** Sections 1 to 7 shall not become effective unless and until the people of the State have ratified the issuance of bonds as set forth in this Act.

**Sec. 9. 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. If the bond proceeds which have not been expended within 10 years after the date of the sale of the bonds they shall lapse to General Fund debt service.

**Sec. 10. Statutory referendum procedure; submission at special statewide election; effective date.** This Act shall be submitted to the legal voters of the State of Maine at the next general or special statewide election following passage of this

Act. 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.

“Do you favor a \$13,425,000 bond issue for buildings at the vocational-technical institutes and a tugboat at the Maine Maritime Academy?”

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 word “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 September 13, 1984

**INTENT AND CONTENT**

This Act would authorize the State to issue registered bonds in an amount not to exceed \$13,425,000 to provide for capital improvements, construction, renovations, equipment and furnishings for the Vocational-Technical Institutes and for the procurement of a tugboat for training purposes at the Maine Maritime Academy. The bonds issued under this Act would run for a period of not longer than 10 years from the date of issue and would be backed by the full faith and credit of the State.

Funds raised by the sale of the bonds would be used for various capital improvements, construction, renovations, equipment and furnishings for the Central Maine, Washington County, Eastern Maine, Southern Maine, Northern Maine, and Kennebec Valley Vocational-Technical Institutes, under the direction of the Director of the Bureau of Public Improvements (\$12,900,000), and for the procurement of a tugboat for training purposes at the Maine Maritime Academy, under the direction of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Maritime Academy (\$525,000).

If approved, the bond authorization would take effect thirty days after the Governor’s proclamation of the vote.

A statement of the Treasurer describing the financial considerations of this bond issue is published together with this statement.

A "YES" vote approves authorization of a bond issue in the amount of \$13,425,000 for Vocational-Technical Institute improvements and procurement of a training tugboat for Maine Maritime Academy.

A "NO" vote disapproves authorization of the bond issue.

Total estimated debt service at \$19,885,781.25 of which principal is \$13,425,000, estimated interest at 8.75% over 10 years is \$6,460,781.25.

**STATE OF MAINE**  
**CHAPTER 110**  
**PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS OF 1983**

AN ACT to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue  
in the Amount of \$6,000,000 for the  
Design, Construction and Furnishing of  
Court Facilities.

**Preamble.** Two-thirds of both Houses of the Legislature deeming it necessary in accordance with the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 14, to authorize the issuance of bonds on behalf of the State of Maine to provide funds for the design, construction and furnishing of court facilities.

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

**Sec. 1. Issue of bonds to provide for the design, construction and furnishing of court facilities.** The Treasurer of State is authorized, under the direction of the Governor, to issue from time to time registered bonds in the name and behalf of the State to an amount not exceeding \$6,000,000, for the purpose of raising funds to provide for the design, construction and furnishing of court facilities as authorized by section 6. The bonds shall be deemed a pledge of the faith and credit of the State. The 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. 2. Records of bonds issued to be kept by the 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 successful bidder 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 bond shall be loaned, pledged or hypothecated in behalf of the State. The proceeds of the sale 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 projects 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.

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

**Sec. 6. Allocations from General Fund bond issue — court facilities.** The proceeds of the sale of bonds shall be expended as designated in the following schedule:

**JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT**

Portland Court	\$3,800,000
Bath-Brunswick Court	<u>2,200,000</u>
Total	\$6,000,000

**Sec. 7. Transfer between items.** The amounts listed after the items in section 6 are to be construed as a guide. Either amount may be exceeded with the approval of the Governor by transfers from the other item not exceeding 10% in the aggregate.

**Sec. 8. Contingent upon ratification of bond issue.** Section 1 to 7 shall not become effective unless and until the people of the State have ratified the issuance of bonds as set forth in this Act.

**Sec. 9. 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. If the bond proceeds which have not been expended within 10 years after the date of the sale of the bonds they shall lapse to General Fund debt service.

**Sec. 10. Statutory referendum procedure; submission at special statewide election; effective date.** This Act shall be submitted to the legal voters of the State of Maine at the next general or special statewide election following passage of this Act. 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 authorized in the amount of \$6,000,000 to build courthouses?"

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 word "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 ma-

jority 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 September 14, 1984

### INTENT AND CONTENT

This Act would authorize the State to issue registered bonds in an amount not to exceed \$6,000,000 for the design, construction and furnishing of court facilities. The bonds issued under this Act would run for a period of not longer than 10 years from the date of issue and would be backed by the full faith and credit of the State.

If approved, the bond authorization would take effect thirty days after the Governor's proclamation of the vote.

A statement of the Treasurer describing the financial considerations of this bond issue is published together with this statement.

A "YES" vote approves authorization of a bond issue in the amount of \$6,000,000 for court facilities.

A "NO" vote disapproves authorization of the bond issue.

Total estimated debt service of \$8,887,500 of which principal is \$6,000,000, estimated interest at 8.75% over 10 years is \$2,887,500.

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### STATE OF MAINE CHAPTER 109 PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS OF 1983

AN ACT to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue  
in the Amount of \$16,500,000 for the  
Construction and Renovation of Higher Education  
Facilities at the University of Maine.

**Preamble.** Two-thirds of both Houses of the Legislature deeming it necessary in accordance with the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 14, to authorize the issuance of bonds on behalf of the State of Maine to provide for the construction and renovation of higher education facilities at 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 the construction and renovation of higher education facilities at the University of Maine.** The Treasurer of State is authorized, under the direc-

tion of the Governor, to issue from time to time registered bonds in the name and behalf of the State in an amount not exceeding \$16,500,000 for the purpose of raising funds to provide for the construction and renovation of higher education facilities at the University of Maine as authorized by section 6. The bonds shall be deemed a pledge of the faith and credit of the State. The 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. 2. Records of bonds issued to be kept by the 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 successful bidder 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 bond shall be loaned, pledged or hypothecated in behalf of the State. The proceeds of the sale 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 projects 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.

**Sec. 5. Disbursement of bonds proceeds.** The proceeds of the bonds shall be expended under the direction and supervision of the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine with the approval of the Director of Public Improvements.

**Sec. 6. Allocations from General Fund bond issue — higher education facilities.** The proceeds of the sale of bonds shall be expended as designated in the following schedule:

#### UNIVERSITY OF MAINE

— Chemical Engineering Addition —	
University of Maine at Orono	\$ 3,000,000
— Classroom building — University of Southern Maine	3,500,000
— Biological Sciences Addition —	
University of Maine at Orono	3,000,000
— Handicapped accessibility	1,000,000
— Renovations, alterations and minor additions — all campuses	3,000,000
— Computer facilities — all campuses	3,000,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,500,000</b>

**Sec. 7. Transfer between items.** The amount listed after the items in section 6 are to be construed as a guide. Any of these amounts may be exceeded with the approval of the Governor

by transfer from one item to another not exceeding 10% in the aggregate.

**Sec. 8. Contingent upon ratification of bond issue.** Sections 1 to 7 shall not become effective unless and until the people of the State have ratified the issuance of bonds as set forth in this Act.

**Sec. 9. 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. If the bond proceeds which have not been expended within 10 years after the date of the sale of the bonds they shall lapse to General Fund debt service.

**Sec. 10. Statutory referendum procedure; submission at special statewide election; effective date.** This Act shall be submitted to the legal voters of the State of Maine at the next general or special statewide election following passage of this Act. 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 authorized in the amount of \$16,500,000 for buildings at the University of Maine?”

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 word “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 September 13, 1984

#### INTENT AND CONTENT

This Act would authorize the State to issue registered bonds in an amount not to exceed \$16,500,000 to raise funds for the construction and renovation of higher education facilities at the University of Maine. The bonds would run for a period of not longer than 10 years from the date of issue and would be backed by the full faith and credit of the State.

The proceeds from the sale of the bonds would be used to construct a new classroom building at the University of Southern Maine; construct additions to the chemical engineering and biological sciences buildings at the University of Maine

at Orono; to provide computer facilities at all campuses; and to make renovations, alterations and minor additions, including provision of handicapped access, at all campuses. The proceeds would be expended under the direction of the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine.

If approved, the bond authorization would take effect thirty days after the Governor’s proclamation of the vote.

A statement of the Treasurer describing the financial considerations of this bond issue is published together with this statement.

A “YES” vote approves authorization of a bond issue in the amount of \$16,500,000 for higher education facilities at the University of Maine.

A “NO” vote disapproves authorization of the bond issue.

Total estimated debt service of \$24,440,625 of which principal is \$16,500,000, estimated interest at 8.75% over 10 years is \$7,940,625.

### STATE OF MAINE CHAPTER 111 PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS OF 1983

AN ACT to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue  
in the Amount of \$10,035,000 for  
Construction and Renovation  
of Correctional Facilities.

**Preamble.** Two-thirds of both Houses of the Legislature deeming it necessary in accordance with the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 14, to authorize the issuance of bonds on behalf of the State of Maine to provide for construction and renovation of correctional facilities.

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

**Sec. 1. Issue of bonds to provide for construction and renovation of correctional facilities.** The Treasurer of State is authorized, under the direction of the Governor, to issue from time to time registered bonds in the name and behalf of the State to an amount not exceeding \$10,035,000 for the purpose of raising funds to provide for construction and renovation of correctional facilities as authorized by section 6. The bonds shall be deemed a pledge of the faith and credit of the State. The 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. 2. Records of bonds issued to be kept by the 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 successful bidder 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 bond shall be loaned, pledged or hypothecated in behalf of the State. The proceeds of the sale 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 projects 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.

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

**Sec. 6. Allocations from General Fund bond issue — correctional facilities.** The proceeds of the sale of bonds shall be expended as designated in the following schedule:

**CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF**

Construction and Renovation — Maine Correctional Center	\$ 7,465,000
Construction and Renovation — Maine State Prison	2,300,000
Construction and Renovation — Charleston Correctional Center	270,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,035,000</b>

**Sec. 7. Transfer between items.** The amounts listed after the items in section 6 are to be construed as a guide. Any of the amounts may be exceeded with the approval of the Governor by transfer from one item to another not exceeding 10% in the aggregate.

**Sec. 8. Contingent upon ratification of bond issue.** Sections 1 to 7 shall not become effective unless and until the people of the State have ratified the issuance of bonds as set forth in this Act.

**Sec. 9. 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. If the bond proceeds which have not been expended within 10 years after the date of the sale of the bonds they shall lapse to General Fund debt service.

**Sec. 10. Statutory referendum procedure; submission at special statewide election; effective date.** This Act shall be submitted to the legal voters of the State of Maine at the next general or special statewide election following passage of this Act. 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 authorized in the amount of \$10,035,000 to build and repair prisons?”

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 word “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 September 14, 1984

**INTENT AND CONTENT**

This Act would authorize the State to issue registered bonds in an amount not to exceed \$10,035,000 to provide for construction and renovation of correctional facilities. The bonds issued under this Act would run for a period of not longer than 10 years from the date of issue and would be backed by the full faith and credit of the State.

Funds raised by the sale of these bonds would be used for construction and renovation at the Maine Correctional Center, the Maine State Prison, and the Charleston Correctional Center under the direction and supervision of the Director of the Bureau of Public Improvements.

If approved, the bond authorization would take effect thirty days after the Governor’s proclamation of the vote.

A statement of the Treasurer describing the financial considerations of this bond issue is published together with this statement.

A “YES” vote approves authorization of a bond issue in the amount of \$10,035,000 for improvement of correctional facilities.

A “NO” vote disapproves authorization of the bond issue.

Total estimated debt service of \$14,864,343.75 of which principal is \$10,035,000, estimated interest at 8.75% over 10 years is \$4,829,343.75.



## CHAPTER 4

### CONSTITUTIONAL RESOLUTION OF 1983

#### RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Limit the Life of Authorized Bonds.

**Constitutional amendment. RESOLVED:** Two-thirds of each branch of the Legislature concurring, that the following amendment to the Constitution of Maine be proposed:

**Constitution, Art. IX, §14** is amended to read:

**Section 14.** The credit of the State shall not be directly or indirectly loaned in any case, except as provided in sections 14-A, 14-C, 14-D and 14-E. The Legislature shall not create any debt or debts, liability or liabilities, on behalf of the State, which shall singly, or in the aggregate, with previous debts and liabilities hereafter incurred at any one time, exceed \$2,000,000, except to suppress insurrection, to repel invasion, or for purposes of war, and except for temporary loans to be paid out of money raised by taxation during the fiscal year in which they are made; and excepting also that whenever two thirds of both Houses shall deem it necessary, by proper enactment ratified by a majority of the electors voting thereon at a general or special election, the Legislature may authorize the issuance of bonds on behalf of the State at such times and in such amounts and for such purposes as approved by such action; but this shall not be construed to refer to any money that has been, or may be deposited with this State by the Government of the United States, or to any fund which the State shall hold in trust for any Indian tribe. Whenever ratification by the electors is essential to the validity of bonds to be issued on behalf of the State, the question submitted to the electors shall be accompanied by a statement setting forth the total amount of bonds of the State outstanding and unpaid, the total amount of bonds of the State authorized and unissued, and the total amount of bonds of the State contemplated to be issued if the enactment submitted to the electors be ratified. For any bond authorization requiring ratification of the electors pursuant to this section, if any bonds have not been issued within five years of the date of ratification, then those bonds may not be issued after that date. Within two years after expiration of that five-year period, the Legislature may extend, by a majority vote, the five-year period for an additional five years or may deauthorize the bonds. If the Legislature fails to take action within those two years, the bond issue shall be considered to be deauthorized and no further bonds may be issued. For any bond authorization in existence on November 6, 1984, and for which the five-year period following ratification has expired, no further bonds may be issued unless the Legislature, by November 6, 1986, reauthorizes those bonds, by a majority vote, for an additional five-year period, failing which all bonds unissued under those authorizations shall be considered to be deauthorized. Temporary loans to be paid out of moneys raised by taxation during any fiscal year shall not exceed in the aggregate during the fiscal year in question an amount greater

than ten percent of all the moneys appropriated, authorized and allocated by the Legislature from undedicated revenues to the General Fund and dedicated revenues to the Highway Fund for that fiscal year, exclusive of proceeds or expenditures from the sale of bonds, or greater than one percent of the total valuation of the State of Maine, whichever is the lesser.

**Constitutional referendum procedure; form of question; effective date. Resolved:** That 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, at the next general election in the month of November following passage of this resolution, to vote upon the ratification of the amendment proposed in this resolution by voting upon the following question:

“Shall the Constitution of Maine be amended to limit the life of bonds authorized but not issued?”

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 the corresponding square below the word “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 amendment, the Governor shall proclaim that fact without delay and the amendment shall become part of the Constitution on the date of the proclamation.

**Secretary of State shall prepare ballots. Resolved:** That the Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this resolution necessary to carry out the purposes of this referendum.

Resolution according to Article X, Section 4 of the Constitution of the State of Maine.

Received in the office of the Secretary of State April 24, 1984.

#### INTENT AND CONTENT

This proposal would amend Article IX, section 14 of the State Constitution to provide that any bonds pledging the credit of the State and authorized by the voters, but not issued, will be deauthorized five years after ratification. Once deauthorized, bonds can no longer be issued unless reauthorized by the Legislature by a majority vote for a further five years. The Constitution now contains automatic deauthorization provisions that apply only when no such bonds were issued during the five years following ratification. The amendment would extend the provision to cases in which some, but not all, the authorized bonds have been issued within five years of ratification.

Legislative reauthorization must take place within a specified two year period.

The proposal also makes technical changes in section 14, removing a reference to a repealed section (concerning bonds insuring mortgage loans for recreational projects), and adding a reference to an additional section concerning bonds insuring Maine veterans' mortgage loans.

If approved, the amendment would take effect on the date of the Governor's proclamation of the vote.

A "YES" vote approves limiting the authority to issue any bonds pledging credit of the State and requiring voter approval to five years from ratification, and for an additional five years only if reauthorized by the Legislature, as well as making technical changes to conform to prior constitutional amendments.

A "NO" vote disapproves such changes.

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## CHAPTER 1

### CONSTITUTIONAL RESOLUTION OF 1983

#### **RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Provide Equality of Rights under the Law.**

**Constitutional amendment. RESOLVED:** Two-thirds of each branch of the Legislature concurring, that the following amendment to the Constitution of Maine be proposed:

**Constitution, Article I, §25** is enacted to read:

**Section 25. Equality of rights. Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged in this State because of the sex of the individual.**

**Constitutional referendum procedure; form of question; effective date. Resolved:** That 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, at a statewide election, on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November in 1984 following the passage of this resolution, to vote upon the ratification of the amendment proposed in this resolution by voting upon the following question:

"Shall the Constitution of Maine be amended by a resolution of the Legislature to provide for an equal rights amendment?"

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 the corresponding square below the word "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 amendment, the Governor shall proclaim that fact without delay and the amendment shall become part of the Constitution on the date of the proclamation.

**Secretary of State shall prepare ballots. Resolved:** That the Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this resolution necessary to carry out the purposes of this referendum.

Resolution according to Article X, Section 4 of the Constitution of the State of Maine.

Received in the office of the Secretary of State April 15, 1983.

## INTENT AND CONTENT

This proposed amendment would add a provision to the Maine Constitution intended to guarantee that all persons, male and female, will have equal rights under the law. Approval of the proposed amendment would override state and local discrimination based on sex.

If approved, the amendment would take effect on the date of the Governor's proclamation of the vote.

A "YES" vote approves the establishment of equal rights under the law for males and females as a provision of the Maine Constitution.

A "NO" vote disapproves such a provision.

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## CHAPTER 6

### CONSTITUTIONAL RESOLUTION OF 1983

#### **RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Enable the Legislature to Establish the Extent of Insurance of Loans to Veterans.**

**Constitutional amendment. RESOLVED:** Two thirds of each branch of the Legislature concurring, that the following amendment to the Constitution of Maine be proposed:

**Constitution, Art. IX, §14-D** is amended to read:

**Section 14-D. Authority to insure Maine veterans' mortgage loans, and to appropriate moneys and issue bonds for the payment of the same.** For the purposes of recognizing the services and sacrifices of Maine's men and women who have served their state and country through honorable service in the Armed Forces of the United States in time of war or national emergen-

cy; enlarging the opportunities for employment of Maine's veterans; insuring the preservation and betterment of the economy of the State of Maine; and stimulating the flow of private investment funds to Maine's veterans, the Legislature by proper enactment may insure the payment of any mortgage loan to resident Maine veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States, **including a business organization owned in whole or in part by a resident Maine veteran**, when such loans are made in connection with such legitimate purposes and under such terms and conditions as the Legislature may determine, not exceeding in the aggregate \$4,000,000 in amount at any one time and may also appropriate moneys and authorize the issuance of bonds on behalf of the State at such times and in such amounts as it may determine to make payments insured as aforesaid.

**Constitutional referendum procedure; form of question; effective date. Resolved:** That 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, at the next general election in the month of November following the passage of this resolution, to vote upon the ratification of the amendment proposed in this resolution by voting upon the following question:

"Shall the Constitution of Maine be amended to allow the Legislature to set the limit for guaranteed business loans to Maine Veterans?"

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 the corresponding square below the word "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 amendment, the Governor shall proclaim that fact without delay and the amendment shall become part of the Constitution of Maine on January 1, 1985.

**Secretary of State shall prepare ballots. Resolved:** That the Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this resolution necessary to carry out the purposes of this referendum.

Resolution according to Article X, Section 4 of the Constitution of the State of Maine.

Received in the office of the Secretary of State April 24, 1984.

#### INTENT AND CONTENT

This proposal would amend Article IX, section 14-D of the State Constitution to allow the Legislature to determine what share, now limited to 80%, of a mortgage loan may be insured by the State under the Maine Veterans' Loan Guarantee Pro-

gram. This proposal also enables extension of the program to include loans to any business owned in whole or in part by a resident Maine veteran.

If approved, the amendment would take effect on January 1, 1985.

A "YES" vote authorizes the Legislature to make these changes in the Maine Veterans' Loan Guarantee Program.

A "NO" vote disapproves these changes.

#### CHAPTER 5

#### CONSTITUTIONAL RESOLUTION OF 1983

**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Provide that, Beginning with the Property Tax Year 1984, All Watercraft as Defined by the Legislature shall be Exempt from Taxation as Personal Property, Provided That Certain Watercraft as Defined by the Legislature shall be Subject to an Excise Tax to be Collected and Retained by the Municipalities.**

**Constitutional amendment. RESOLVED:** Two-thirds of each branch of the Legislature concurring, that the following amendment to the Constitution of Maine be proposed:

Constitution, Art. IX, §8, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

**4. Beginning with the property tax year 1984, all watercraft as defined by the Legislature shall be exempt from taxation as personal property, provided that certain watercraft as defined by the Legislature shall be subject to an excise tax to be collected and retained by the municipalities.**

**Constitutional referendum procedure; form of question; effective date. Resolved:** That 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, at the next general election in the month of November following passage of this resolution, to vote upon the ratification of the amendment proposed in this resolution by voting upon the following question:

"Shall the Constitution of Maine be amended so that no watercraft will be taxed as personal property, provided there is an excise tax on some watercraft collected and used by municipalities?"

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 the corresponding square below the word "Yes" or "No". The ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and planta-

tion 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 amendment, the Governor shall proclaim that fact without delay and the amendment shall become part of the Constitution on the date of the proclamation.

**Secretary of State shall prepare ballots. Resolved:** That the Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this resolution necessary to carry out the purposes of this referendum.

Resolution according to Article X, Section 4 of the Constitution of the State of Maine.

Received in the office of the Secretary of State April 24, 1984.

### INTENT AND CONTENT

This proposed amendment would prevent imposing a personal property tax on any watercraft as long as some watercraft is subject to an excise tax to be collected and retained by the municipalities. If approved, the amendment would govern taxes imposed for the tax year 1984.

A "YES" vote approves substitution of a municipal excise tax on certain watercraft for a personal property tax on watercraft.

A "NO" vote disapproves such a change.

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