

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
100th LEGISLATURE

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 272, L.D. 873, Resolve, in Favor of  
Development of a State Park on Rangeley Lake.

Amend said Resolve by striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the following title: 'An Act Authorizing a Self-Liquidating Bond Issue for a Capital Improvement and Expansion Program for the Maine State Park Commission Totaling One Million Dollars.'

Further amend said Resolve by striking out everything after the title and inserting in place thereof the following:

'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 a capital improvement and expansion program for the Maine State Park Commission.

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

Sec. 1. Issue of bonds to provide for construction and repairs. The Treasurer of State is authorized, under the direction of the Governor and Council, to issue from time to time serial coupon bonds in the name and behalf of the State to an amount not exceeding \$1,000,000 for the purpose of raising funds to provide for such construction and repairs, as authorized by section 6. Said bonds shall be deemed a pledge of the faith and credit of the State. Said bonds shall not run for a longer period than 10 years from the date of the original issue thereof.

Sec. 2. Records of bonds issued to be kept by State Auditor and Treasurer. The State Auditor shall keep an account of such bonds, showing the number and amount of each, the date of countersigning, the date when payable and the date of delivery thereof to the Treasurer of State, who shall keep an account of each bond, showing the number thereof, the name of the person to whom sold, the amount received for the same, the date of sale and the date when payable.

Sec. 3. Sale, how negotiated; proceeds appropriated. The Treasurer of State may negotiate the sale of such bonds by direction of the Governor and Council; but no such bond shall be loaned, pledged or hypothecated in behalf of the State. The proceeds of the sales of such bonds, which shall be held by the Treasurer of State and paid by him upon warrants drawn by the Governor and Council, are appropriated to be used solely for the purposes set forth in this act. Any balance unexpended shall not lapse, but shall be carried forward from year to year to be used only for the purposes set forth herein.

Sec. 4. Interest and debt retirement. Interest due or accruing upon any bonds issued under this act and all sums coming due for payment of bonds at maturity shall be paid by the Treasurer of State from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

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

Sec. 6. Allocations from General Fund Bond Issue.

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1. Aroostook State Park - Aroostook County \$10,000

To provide a bathhouse for changing clothes for bathers and construct camping sites.

2. Crescent Beach - Cumberland County \$190,000

This sum will provide a partial development of one mile of coastal sand beach in the heart of Maine's population center. The State Park Commission is now completing a quarter of a million dollar purchase of this area authorized by the 99th Legislature.

3. Forts and Memorials \$42,000

These funds will continue the improvement of conditions at State forts and memorials begun by the 99th Legislature. Funds are specifically recommended for Fort George at Castine; the site of the first English Colony in New England at Popham in 1607; Fort Pownall at Stockton Springs; the beginning of a program to commemorate and interpret the Arnold Trail, Route 201, leading to Quebec; Fort Knox at Prospect; and general improvements with interpretive signs, markers, etc. at Forts Machias, Pownall, Edgecomb, McClary, Popham, Knox and St. George's.

4. Lily Bay - Piscataquis County \$150,000

Expansion of Lily Bay State Park to include 70 additional campsites, enlarged boat launching facilities with necessary parking, development of area with bathing facilities, picnicking, etc. It is anticipated that when this park opens in August of 1961 that its present limited facilities will nowhere near take care of the demand on this popular recreational lake.

5. Mt. Battie - Camden Hills State Park - Knox County \$154,500

To construct a scenic road to the top of Mt. Battie overlooking Penobscot Bay. View from this summit is considered by many to surpass that of Mt. Cadillac in Acadia National Park. Facility would be revenue producing.

6. Moose Point - Waldo County \$48,500

This sum would develop a popular day use area on land given to the State in 1951 to be developed for public recreation. If the State does not develop this area very soon, the conditions of the gift are that it shall revert to the donors.

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7. Rangeley Lake - Franklin \$300,000

This project calls for the development of a state park on the South shore of Rangeley Lake with facilities for parking, picnicking, camping, boating and all of the incidental activities that are provided in a well-rounded state park.

8. Sebago Lake - Cumberland County \$35,000

This project calls for the expansion at the most heavily used park in the State system. This project would provide for expanded facilities for organized youth groups which during the past year exceeded \$14,000. Land is available to provide facilities for these youth groups away from the regular family day use areas. This project would also provide boating facilities, launching ramps, dockage, etc. for the rapidly increasing interest in boating as a park activity.

9. West Quoddy Head - Washington County \$55,000

This project would provide for the development of a state park at the eastern-most point of land in the United States overlooking beautiful Passamaquoddy Bay. Washington County has no State Park facilities and it is estimated that over 8,500 people visited this scenic area during the past season although there were no facilities for public use. It should be also pointed out that this particular area in Washington County is one of those that has a heavy unemployment problem.

10. Warren Island - Waldo County \$5,000

This beautiful island located in Penobscot Bay was a gift to the State Park Commission by the town of Islesboro. It is already being used for boating and this project would provide for an initial development for limited picnicking and camping with toilets, fireplaces, water supply, etc. to encourage boating in the Penobscot Bay area.

11. Songo River - Cumberland County \$10,000

The Songo Locks were turned over to the State Park Commission by the 99th Legislature and funds were provided for their repair. The Locks experienced very heavy use this past season (three times that of any previous year). However, the river below and above the Locks connecting with Sebago Lake is unsafe for navigation and this project would provide funds to dredge the river and do some stream bank improvement to prevent erosion. It would also provide funds for marking the navigational hazards all up and down this popular waterway.

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Sec. 7. Contingent upon ratification of bond issue. This act shall not become effective unless and until the people of the State of Maine shall have ratified the issuance of bonds as set forth in this act.

Sec. 8. Referendum for ratification. The aldermen of cities, the selectmen of towns, and the assessors of the several plantations of this State are hereby empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet in the manner prescribed by law for calling and holding biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the election of Senators and Representatives, on the second Tuesday of October, 1961, 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 Authorizing a Self-Liquidating Bond Issue for a Capital Improvement and Expansion Program for the Maine State Park Commission Totaling One Million Dollars,' passed by the 100th Legislature?"

The inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed within a square upon their ballots their opinion of the same, those in favor of ratification voting "Yes" and those opposed to ratification voting "No" and the ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings, and return made to the office of the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for Governor and Members of the Legislature, and the Governor and Council shall count the same and if it shall appear that a majority of the inhabitants voting on the Question are in favor of said act, the Governor shall forthwith make known the fact by his proclamation, and the act shall thereupon become effective in 30 days after the date of said proclamation.

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

Filed by Senator NOYES of FRANKLIN.

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