

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Lovell of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-THREE

AN ACT Providing for the Development of State Parks and the Issuance of not Exceeding Seven Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars of State of Maine Bonds for the Financing Thereof.

Preamble. Two-thirds of both Houses of the Legislature deeming it necessary in accordance with Section 14 of Article IX of the Constitution of Maine to authorize the issuance of bonds of the State for the development of state parks.

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

Sec. 1. Issue of bonds to provide for development of state parks. 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 \$7,300,000 for the purpose of raising funds for the development of state parks, 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 Maine State Park Commission.

Sec. 6. Allocations from bond issue.

Maine State Park Commission	\$7,100,000
To develop existing state parks:	
1. Crescent Beach State Park	1,050,000
2. Rangeley State Park	278,000
3. Lily Bay State Park	175,600
4. Sebago Lake State Park	123,400
5. Aroostook State Park	42,200
6. Camden Hills State Park	24,000
7. Special Mount Battie Project (Camden Hills State Park)	160,000
8. Fort Knox State Park	44,800
9. Lamoine State Park	70,800
10. Quoddy Head State Park	56,900
11. Moose Point State Park	42,600
12. Bradbury Mt., Mount Blue, Reid, Lake St. George, Two Lights and Warren Island State Parks—minor improvements	50,800
13. Forts and Memorials	42,800
14. Preliminary planning and engineering	20,000
To acquire new park land:	
1. Grafton Notch	45,000
2. Abutting West line of Sebago Lake State Park	25,000

Balance of the bond issue shall be expended to develop new state parks to be located as determined by the Maine State Park Commission with locations, as far as feasible, to be in counties that do not contain a state park or parks.

Sec. 7. Gifts. The Governor and Council are authorized to accept any gift of money, real or personal property, from any source whatsoever and any funds from the Federal Government to assist in carrying out the purposes of this act.

Sec. 8. 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. 9. Referendum for ratification. The aldermen of cities, the selectmen of towns and the assessors of the several plantations of this State are empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet in the manner prescribed by law for calling and holding biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the election of Senators and Representatives at the next general or special state-wide election to give in their votes upon the acceptance or rejection of the foregoing act, and the question shall be:

“Shall ‘An Act Providing for the Development of State Parks and the Issuance of not Exceeding Seven Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars of State of Maine Bonds for the Financing thereof,’ passed by the 101st Legislature, be accepted?”

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

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