

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hardy of Hope.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-THREE

AN ACT Providing for Development of State Parks and the Issuance of not Exceeding One Million Five 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 development of State Parks in Maine.

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 \$1,500,000 for the purpose of raising funds to provide for such development of State Parks as authorized by this act. 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.

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 bonds proceeds. The proceeds of such bonds shall be expended under the direction and supervision of the State Park Commission.

Sec. 6. Allocations from bond issue. State Park Commission to develop State Parks as follows:

Grafton, acquisition of land	\$ 45,000
Sebago Lake, acquisition of land	25,000
Crescent Beach State Park, initial development of facilities	415,000
Rangeley Lake State Park, development of park site	278,000
Lily Bay State Park, expansion of facilities	175,600
Sebago Lake State Park	100,000
Aroostook State Park, expansion of camping and day use areas	42,200
Camden Hills State Park, survey and service facilities	24,000
Camden Hills State Park, road up Mount Battie	160,000
Fort Knox State Park, improvement and expansion of facilities	40,500
Lamoine State Park, improvement and expansion of facilities	51,000
Moose Point State Park, expansion of facilities	42,600
Preliminary planning and engineering	20,000
Various Forts and Memorials	42,800
	\$1,461,700

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

Sec. 8. Referendum for ratification. The aldermen of cities, the selectmen of towns and the assessors of the several plantations of this State are empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet in the manner prescribed by law for calling and holding biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the election of Senators and Representatives at 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 Development of State Parks and the Issuance of not Exceeding One Million Five 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" and "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 this 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.