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Received by unanimous consent. Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. MacGregor of Eastport.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-THREE

AN ACT to Authorize the Issuance of Bonds in the Amount of One Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars on Behalf of the State for the Purpose of Relocating the Boys Training Center at Quoddy Village.

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 for the purpose of relocating the Boys Training Center at Quoddy Village.

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

Sec. 1. Bond issue of \$1,250,000 authorized. 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 of Maine to an amount not exceeding \$1,250,000 for the purpose of raising funds for relocating the Boys Training Center at Quoddy Village, Washington County. 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. Contingent upon ratification of bond issue. Sections 1 to 5 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.

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 to Authorize the Issuance of Bonds in the Amount of One Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars on Behalf of the State for the Purpose of Relocating the Boys Training Center at Quoddy Village,’ 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.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The proposed bond issue will purchase the Grossman interests in Quoddy Village for the sum of \$390,000. Owners of private residences and businesses within Quoddy Village are willing to sell their holdings. Acquisition of private residences and businesses are valued at \$250,000. Restoration of all buildings to first class condition will cost \$88,000. The installation of heating equipment for an estimated cost of \$71,000. Physical move of equipment and personnel from present location to Quoddy Village for approximately \$300,000, with a contingency of \$150,000.

Quoddy Village provides about 45 acres, containing warehouses, apartments and cottage type housing compatible to the technique of housing under cottage committee supervision. This is a nationally established technique of supervision and housing. Numerous buildings are available for instruction so that an educational and vocational training program can be instituted to properly rehabilitate the juvenile offenders. Sufficient land area is included to provide for future expansion.

Since Washington County is a recognized depressed area and eligible for ARA funds, Federal Assistance programs are also available to expand the program facilities. This area is renowned for its scenic and therapeutic values and is conducive to proper rehabilitation.