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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
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AN ACT to Authorize General Fund Bond Issue in Amount of Two Million Eight Hundred and Fifteen Thousand Dollars and to Appropriate Moneys for Construction, Extension and Improvement for Airports.

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 construction, extension and improvements for airports.

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

Sec. 1. Issue of bonds to provide for construction, extension and improvement for airports. 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 \$2,815,000 for the purpose of raising funds to provide for such construction, extension and improvement, 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 20 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 sale 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 Aeronautics Commission.

Sec. 6. Allocations from General Fund Bond Issue. The funds allocated by this section for the following airports shall be expended for construction, extension and improvement of said airports:

Portland		\$1,625,000
Complete Part "B" of Phase I construction	\$ 800,000	
Phase II construction	825,000	
Presque Isle		100,000
Install electronic aids so as to improve dependability		
Auburn-Lewiston		350,000
Acquire land, clear approaches, extend runway 17-35	300,000	
Install localizer	50,000	
Bangor		82,500
Rehabilitate existing facilities for terminal building and rehabilitate apron		
Wiscasset		30,000
Extend runway to 3,400 feet		
Waterville		30,000
Construct new terminal building and apron		
Madawaska		30,000
Construct new airport		
Rumford		25,000
Construct new airport		
Rangeley		25,000
Rehabilitate, pave runway; install homing beacon		
Greenville		12,500
Rehabilitate principal runway; install homing beacon		
Millinocket		25,000
Repaving runway		
Old Town		9,500
Rehabilitate portion of existing apron; install homing beacon and REILS (lights)		

Sanford	4,000
Install homing beacon, REILS	
Norridgewock	13,000
Night lighting system and Unicom radio station	
Machias	8,000
Extend runway and increase size of parking apron	
Rockland	120,000
Rehabilitate and extend the principal runway to 5,000 feet	
Augusta	322,000
Construct new administration building and repairs to road and auto parking areas	
Aeronautics Commission	3,500
Discretionary Fund	
TOTAL	\$2,815,000

The amounts listed after each unit in this section are to be construed as guides and any one or more amounts listed in the above schedule may be exceeded, with the approval of the Governor and Council, as long as the total expenditures of state money do not exceed the total amount of the bond issue and construction on each unit is performed as nearly as possible to that contemplated.

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 a bond issue be ratified for the purposes set forth in ‘An Act to Authorize General Fund Bond Issue in Amount of Two Million Eight Hundred and Fifteen Thousand Dollars and to Appropriate Moneys for Construction, Extension and Improvement for Airports.’ passed by the 103rd 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 proclama-

tion, 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.