

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 396

H. P. 309

House of Representatives, January 28, 1969

Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Fortier of Waterville.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT to Authorize Bond Issue in the Amount of \$1,900,000 for the Development, Expansion and Improvement of State Park and Forestry Facilities and for the Completion of the State's Marine Research Laboratory.

Preamble. Two-thirds of both Houses of 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 for capital improvements, construction, renovations, equipment and furnishings in the area of Conservation and Parks.

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

Sec. 1. Issue of bonds to provide for capital improvements, construction, renovations, equipment and furnishings in the area of Conservation and 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 \$1,900,000 for the purpose of raising funds to provide for such capital improvements, construction, renovations, equipment and furnishings 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. Any issuance of bonds may contain a call feature at the discretion of the Treasurer of State with the approval of the Governor and Council.

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 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 of 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 unencumbered balances remaining at the completion of the projects listed in section 6 shall lapse to the debt service account established for the retirement of these bonds.

Sec. 4. Interest and debt retirement. Interest due or accruing upon any bonds issued under the provisions of 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 Public Improvements.

Sec. 6. Allocations from General Fund Bond Issue.

	1969-70
FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF	
Organized Towns—Fire Control	
Machinery Shed—Greenbush	7,000
Laboratory Addition—Augusta	19,000
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Sub-total	26,000
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Baxter Park Authority	
Supervisor's Headquarters	27,000
Russell Pond Improvements	9,000
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Sub-Total	36,000
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TOTAL FORESTRY	62,000
SEA AND SHORE FISHERIES, DEPARTMENT OF	
Marine Research Laboratory—Phase II	100,000
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STATE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION	
Preliminary Planning and Engineering—Various	10,000
Development of Park Facility—Poland Spring	509,000
Completion of Initial Development—Peaks-Kenny	50,000
Expansion of Beach Facility—Popham Beach	160,000
Improvements to Existing Parks—Various	284,000
Historic Sites—Preservation and Restoration	100,000
Initial Development—Fort Point	35,000
Development of Park Facility—Damariscotta Lake	170,000
Development of Park Site—Ferry Beach	270,000

STATE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION—continued

	1969-70
Saco River Development	100,000
Land Acquisition and Development Fund	50,000

TOTAL STATE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION	1,738,000

TOTAL	1,900,000

The amounts listed after each unit are to be construed as guides and any one or more amounts 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 allocated for all projects and when the work on each project 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 a special state-wide election to be held on the second Tuesday of October, 1969 to give in their vote upon the acceptance or rejection of the foregoing Act, and the question shall be:

“Shall the State provide for the development, expansion and improvement of State Parks, improved Forestry facilities and expansion of the State’s Marine Research Laboratory by issuing bonds in the amount of \$1,900,000?”

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 review 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.