

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 406

H. P. 319

House of Representatives, January 28, 1969

On Motion of Mr. Birt of East Millinocket, Referred to Committee on Appropriation and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT to Authorize Bond Issue in the Amount of \$22,855,000 for the Construction and Renovation of Higher Education Facilities at the University of Maine.

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 for the University of Maine.

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 for the University of Maine. 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 \$22,855,000 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 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 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.

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Farmington—Student Health Service	150,000
Fort Kent—Utility Building	61,000
Gorham—Sewerage Treatment Plant	450,000
Orono—Business, English, Math & Computer Sciences Building	3,920,000
Aroostook—Classroom Building	775,000
Washington—Outdoor Health & Physical Education Facility	118,000
Orono—Controlled Environment Growth Chambers	975,000
Washington—Auditorium and Music Center	560,000
Orono—Fogler Library Addition	3,000,000
Orono—Roads and Parking Areas	375,000
Orono—Utilities Extension	385,000
Aroostook—Library Expansion	84,000
Portland—Alterations, Improvements and Addition to Existing Facilities	150,000
Gorham—Renovation of Corthell	250,000
Farmington—Classroom Addition	50,000
Portland—Building and Land Acquisition	1,300,000
Gorham—Fine Arts Building	1,800,000
Farmington—Dining Hall Addition—Union	1,114,000
Fort Kent—Classroom—Physical Education— Student Union Complex	862,000
Gorham—Extension of Underground Services	150,000
Aroostook—Athletic and Physical Education Fields	77,000
Farmington—Renovation of Administration Building	780,000

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Aroostook—Expansion of Utilities	24,000
Aroostook—Renovate Normal, South and Emerson Halls....	75,000
Bangor—South Campus Alterations and Improvements	500,000
Washington—Service Building	117,000
Orono—Chemical Engineering Building Phase II	850,000
Princeton—Forestry Summer Camp Facility	80,000
Walpole—Development of Darling Center for Oceanography	1,800,000
Gorham—Site Development and Parking	100,000
Aroostook—Acquisition of Land and Buildings	60,000
Aroostook—Roadways, Parking Areas, Walks and Landscaping	63,000
Portland—Classroom Building	1,800,000
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TOTAL UNIVERSITY OF MAINE	22,855,000
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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 expanded classroom facilities and improvements at the several campuses of the University of Maine to allow for program improvement and increased enrollment by issuing bonds in the amount of \$22,855,000?”

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.