

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Reed of Sagadahoc.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
AND SEVENTY

AN ACT to Authorize Bond Issue in the Amount of \$24,835,000 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 \$24,835,000 for the purpose of raising funds to provide for such capital improvements, construction, renovations, equipment and furnishings as authorized by section 6. Such 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.

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE

Project	Location	1970-71
Sewer Treatment Plant	Gorham	\$ 450,000
Business, English, Math Building	Orono	2,300,000
Physical Education Field	Washington	118,000
Educational Media and Learning Center	Aroostook	2,380,000
South Campus Alterations	Bangor	500,000
Library Wing	Augusta	500,000
Student Center	Portland	1,200,000
Utility Building	Fort Kent	61,000
Roads and Parking	Orono	375,000
Utilities Extension	Orono	385,000
Alterations and Additions	Portland	150,000
Underground Systems	Gorham	150,000
Chemical Engineering Building	Orono	1,100,000
Central Heating	Portland	300,000
Darling Center Pier	Walpole	100,000
Equipment for Classroom Building	Farmington	50,000
Physical Education Field	Aroostook	87,000
Farm Relocation	Orono	50,000
Dining Hall and Student Union	Farmington	981,000
Completion of Dormitory	Washington	65,000
Equipment and Lighting for Auditorium	Fort Kent	56,000
Controlled Environmental Growth Chambers	Orono	975,000
Equipment for Bailey Hall and Dining Room	Gorham	118,000
Acquisition of Parking Lot	Portland	85,000

Project	Location	1970-71
Physical Education Facility (Phase II)	Orono	4,000,000
Classroom / Physical Education Building	Fort Kent	862,000
South Campus Development	Bangor	500,000
Renovate Cortell Hall	Gorham	250,000
Library	Washington	615,000
Library Addition	Orono	2,500,000
Complete Living-Learning Complex	Gorham	1,450,000
Forestry Camp	Princeton	90,000
Renovate Administration Building	Farmington	232,000
Darling Center Development	Walpole	1,800,000
TOTAL		\$24,835,000

The amounts listed after each project 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. The amount transferred from one project to another shall not exceed 5% of the amount listed and no one project shall be reduced by more than 5%.

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 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 \$24,835,000?”

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.