

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Binnette of Old Town.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT to Authorize Bond Issue in the Amount of \$3,850,000 for Student Housing at Central Maine Vocational Technical Institute, Eastern Maine Vocational Technical Institute, Northern Maine Vocational Technical Institute, and the Maine Maritime Academy, Site Improvements at Washington County Vocational Technical Institute, Heating and Air Conditioning Shop and Laboratory at Southern Maine Vocational Technical Institute, Completion of School Building at Peter Dana Point Reservation and Tribal Halls for Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Reservations.

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 the capital improvements, construction, renovations, equipment and furnishings for the various State Departments.

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 various State departments. 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 \$3,850,000 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.

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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EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Central Maine Vocational-Technical Institute Dormitory Addition	\$ 455,000
Eastern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute Men's Dormitory	650,000
Northern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute Dormitory	650,000
Southern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute Heating and Air Conditioning Shop & Laboratory	275,000
Washington County Vocational-Technical Institute Site Improvements	60,000
Indian School—Peter Dana Point Reservation Completion of School Building	115,000
Total Department of Education	\$2,205,000

INDIAN AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF

Penobscot & Passamaquoddy Reservations Tribal Halls	\$ 150,000
Total Department of Indian Affairs	\$ 150,000

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MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY

Waterfront Engineering Complex (Phase I)	\$ 495,000
Dormitory Addition	1,000,000
	\$1,495,000
Total Maine Maritime Academy	
	\$3,850,000

TOTAL

The amount listed after each project is to be construed as a guide and within departments or agencies any one or more amounts may be exceeded, with the approval of the Governor and Council, by transfer from one project to another but in no instance shall a project be reduced by more than 5% of the amount listed.

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 regular 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 Bond Issue in the Amount of \$3,850,000 for Student Housing at Central Maine Vocational Technical Institute, Eastern Maine Vocational Technical Institute, Northern Maine Vocational Technical Institute, and the Maine Maritime Academy, Site Improvements at Washington County Vocational Technical Institute, Heating and Air Conditioning Shop and Laboratory at Southern Maine Vocational Technical Institute, Completion of School Building at Peter Dana Point Reservation and Tribal Halls for Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Reservations, as passed by the 105th Legislature be approved?”

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 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.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This Act recommends \$2,205,000 for construction by the Department of Education at the vocational-technical institutes and at the Indian School at Peter Dana Point. \$150,000 is recommended to construct tribal halls at the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Reservations. \$1,495,000 is recommended for dormitory and construction at the Maine Maritime Academy, as recommended in the Executive Budget.