

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Lund of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

**AN ACT to Authorize Bond Issue in the Amount of \$3,213,000 for the
Development, Expansion and Improvement of State Park Facilities.**

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 and renovations of state park facilities.

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

Sec. 1. Issue of bonds to provide for capital improvements, construction and renovations in the area of state park facilities. 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 \$3,213,000 for the purpose of raising funds to provide for such capital improvements, construction and renovations 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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| STATE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION | |
| POLAND SPRING STATE PARK—Poland | \$423,900 |
| Development of park facility for bathing, picnicking and related activities | |
| PEAKS-KENNY STATE PARK—Dovor-Foxcroft, Bowerbank | 63,800 |
| Provide initial development of park facility contemplated in project authorized by 102nd Legislature | |
| VARIOUS | 385,600 |
| Minor expansion of facilities and various improvements to Aroostook, Camden Hills, Cobscook Bay, Crescent Beach, Grafton Notch, Lake St. George, Lily Bay, Mt. Blue, Quoddy Head, Reid, Sebago Lake | |
| PRELIMINARY PLANNING & ENGINEERING | 15,000 |
| Advance engineering and preparation of preliminary and master plans for park and recreational development | |
| HISTORIC SITES | 150,000 |
| Continue program of preservation, restoration and interpretation | |
| ACQUISITION | 150,000 |
| To acquire various parcels of land for park, recreational, historic, scientific and ecological preservation | |

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| FERRY BEACH—Saco | 146,600 |
| Develop park site with 550 feet of ocean beach with facilities for bathing, picnicking, nature study and related activities | |
| DAMARISCOTTA LAKE—Jefferson | 192,300 |
| Develop 930-foot frontage with excellent beach on Damariscotta Lake for bathing and picnicking | |
| TYLER POND—Manchester and Augusta | 158,000 |
| Develop regional park for bathing, picnicking and related activities | |
| POPHAM BEACH—Phippsburg | 220,000 |
| Increase parking by approximately 400 cars, construct sanitary facilities, picnicking and related facilities | |
| SWAN LAKE—Swanville | 192,300 |
| Develop 60 acre parcel with fine sand beach for bathing and picnicking capable of accommodating 55-40,000 visits annually | |
| SACO RIVER CORRIDOR | 110,000 |
| Develop recreational facilities as recommended by Saco River Corridor Report | |
| FORT POINT—Stockton Springs | 40,500 |
| Construct basic facilities for park use including access road, parking, picnicking and boat dock | |
| CENTRAL PENOBSCOT COUNTY | 270,000 |
| Develop destination type park with emphasis on bathing and related facilities | |
| NORTHEAST AROOSTOOK COUNTY | 295,000 |
| Develop destination type park | |
| COMMUNITY RECREATION ASSISTANCE FUND | 400,000 |
| Provide for state assistance to communities for outdoor recreation projects in conjunction with federal program | |
| TOTAL | \$3,213,000 |

The amount listed after each project is to be construed as a guide and, within the commission, any one or more amounts may be exceeded with the ap-

proval 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 of the commission. 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 special or state-wide election to give in their votes 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 by issuing bonds in the amount of \$3,213,000?”

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.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this Act is to authorize a bond issue in the amount of \$3,213,000 for capital improvements for state parks to preserve more effectively some remainder of our natural heritage for the future use, enjoyment and spiritual well-being of Maine citizens and our out-of-state visitors.