

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1534**

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H. P. 1115

House of Representatives, March 16, 1971

Referred to Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Dam of Skowhegan.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Authorizing the Bureau of Public Improvements to Assist  
Municipalities and School Administrative Districts in the Construction of  
School Buildings.**

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 5, § 1741, amended.** The first sentence of section 1741 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

Whenever the words "public improvement" or "public improvements" shall appear in chapters 141 to 155 they shall be held to mean and include the construction, major alteration or repair of buildings or public works now owned or leased or hereafter constructed, acquired or leased by the State of Maine or any department, officer, board, commission or agency thereof, or constructed, acquired or leased, in whole or in part with state funds, and including the construction, major alteration or repair of school buildings by any school administrative unit and for which state school construction aid is to be paid.

**Sec. 2. R. S., T. 5, § 1742, sub-§ 3, amended.** Subsection 3 of section 1742 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

**3. Advise.** Upon request to advise all state departments and agencies and school administrative units in connection with engineering and architectural questions and matters pertaining to any and all public improvements;

**Sec. 3. R. S., T. 5, § 1742, sub-§ 7, amended.** Subsection 7 of section 1742 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 1 of chapter 409 of the public laws of 1967, is further amended to read as follows:

7. **Approve plans for public improvements.** To approve all proposals, plans, specifications and contracts for public improvements which the State of Maine or any of its agencies hold in fee or by leasehold interest **and for school administrative units** ;

**Sec. 4. R. S., T. 5, § 1742, sub-§ 8, amended.** The first sentence of subsection 8 of section 1742 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows :

To inspect materials, equipment, methods used and changes in plans in making public improvements, and inspect public improvements during the course of construction or repair, and make such recommendations as may be indicated to the architect or engineer, when employed, ~~and~~ to the controlling department or agency head, **or school administrative unit.**

**Sec. 5. R. S., T. 5, § 1742, amended.** The last paragraph of section 1742 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows :

The head of any agency, board, commission, ~~or~~ department of the State Government **or school administrative unit**, not otherwise exempted by law, who contemplates any public improvement, shall first obtain the approval of the State Director of Public Improvements for such work. This paragraph is not intended to restrict the head of any agency, board, commission or department of the State Government from making emergency repairs to any ~~State owned~~ **state-owned** building, public work or property or any property under lease to the State Government **or to restrict any school administrative unit under like conditions** which is under his supervision and control whenever it appears that such repairs are immediately necessary to prevent injury to persons or further damage to such buildings or property.

**Sec. 6. R. S., T. 20, § 3458, amended.** Section 3458 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 10 of chapter 224 of the public laws of 1967, and as amended, is further amended by adding after the 2nd sentence a new sentence to read as follows :

**Such drawings, plans and specifications shall bear the approval of the Bureau of Public Improvements.**

**Sec. 7. R. S., T. 20, § 3460, amended.** Section 3460 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 2 of chapter 373 of the public laws of 1969 and as amended by section 3 of chapter 511 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended by adding after the 4th sentence a new sentence to read as follows :

**No final payment shall be made until the Bureau of Public Improvements has certified its acceptance of the completed project.**

**Sec. 8. Appropriation.** There is appropriated to the Bureau of Public Improvements from the General Fund the sum of \$28,410 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1972 and \$28,777 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1973, to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown is as follows :

	1971-72	1972-73
BUREAU OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS		
Personal Services	(2) \$22,685	(2) \$23,777
All Other	5,000	5,000
Capital Expenditures	725	—
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	\$28,410	\$28,777

## STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill authorizes the Bureau of Public Improvements to give the same service to municipalities and school administrative units receiving state construction aid as it gives to the State in matters of building construction.