

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1561

H. P. 1133

House of Representatives, March 16, 1971

Referred to Committee on Transportation. 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
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Providing for a Bond Issue in the Amount of \$4,960,000 to Reconstruct Route 161 from St. Francis to Canada.

Preamble. Two-thirds of both Houses of the Legislature deeming it necessary in accordance with the Constitution, Article IX, Section 14, to authorize the issuance of bonds on behalf of the State of Maine for the purpose of reconstructing Route 161 from St. Francis to Canada.

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

Sec. 1. Bond issue of \$4,960,000 authorized. In addition to state highway and bridge bonds heretofore authorized in the name and behalf of the State, as provided by law, 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 \$4,960,000 payable serially at the State Treasury within 20 years from the date of issue. Such bonds and coupons shall be of such denominations and form and upon such terms and conditions, not inconsistent herewith, as the Governor and Council shall direct. The proceeds from the sale of said bonds shall be used for reconstruction of Route 161 from St. Francis to Canada.

The said bonds shall be deemed a pledge of the faith and credit of the State. The said bonds shall be issued from time to time so as to meet the needs of this Act. Said bonds when paid at maturity or otherwise retired shall not be reissued, but may be refunded on terms more favorable to the State than those in the original issue.

Sec. 2. Allocation of General Highway Fund. Receipts to the General Highway Fund from the proceeds of the sale of bonds shall be segregated,

apportioned and expended for the reconstruction of Route 161 from the east end of the existing bridge over the Allagash River in Allagash to Little Black River along the northwest bank of the St. John River 21 miles to the border of St. Pamphile, P. Q., a total distance of 40.6 miles, utilizing existing routes as far as it is feasible.

Sec. 3. Contingent upon ratification of bond issue. Section 1 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.

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 general state-wide election, to give in their votes upon the acceptance or rejection of the foregoing Act, and the question shall be:

“Shall a bond issue be ratified for the purposes set forth in ‘An Act Providing for a Bond Issue in the Amount of \$4,960,000 to Reconstruct Route 161 from St. Francis to Canada?’ ”

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 the 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 bill is reflected in the title.