

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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(Governor's Bill)
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 375

H. P. 336 House of Representatives, January 21, 1981
Referred to the Committee on Transportation. Sent up for concurrence and
ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Carroll of Limerick.

Cosponsors: Representative McPherson of Eliot, Representative McKean of
Limestone and Representative Strout of Corinth.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

**AN ACT to Authorize Bond Issue in the Amount of \$12,800,000 for Highway and
Bridge Improvements.**

Preamble. Two-thirds of both Houses of the Legislature deeming it necessary
in accordance with the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 14, to authorize
the issuance of bonds on behalf of the State of Maine to provide funds for the
purpose of improving state highways and bridges.

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

Sec. 1. Bond issue of \$12,800,000 authorized. In addition to state highway and
bridge bonds heretofore authorized, the Treasurer of State is authorized, under
the direction of the Governor, to issue from time to time, serial coupon bonds in
the name and behalf of the State to an amount not exceeding \$12,800,000 payable
serially at the Treasury Department within 20 years from date of issue. The bonds
and coupons shall be of such denomination and form and upon such terms and
conditions, not inconsistent herewith; as the Governor shall direct. The proceeds
from the sale of bonds shall be used for highway and bridge improvements in
accordance with allocations made by the Legislature. The bonds shall be deemed
a pledge of the faith and credit of the State. The bonds shall be issued from time to
time so as to meet the needs of highway and bridge improvements. The 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 Highway Fund bond issue. Receipt of the Highway Fund for the fiscal years, from July 1, 1981 to June 30, 1982, and from July 1, 1982 to June 30, 1983, from the proceeds of the sale of bonds shall be segregated, apportioned and expended as designated in the following schedule:

Policy Area

Identity Program	1981-82	1982-83
Transportation		
Department of Transportation		
Highway-Highway and Bridge		
Improvements	\$6,400,000	\$6,400,000

Sec. 3. Contingent upon ratification of bond issue. Sections 1 and 2 of this Act shall not become effective unless the people of the State shall have ratified the issuance of bonds as set forth in this Act.

Sec. 4. Statutory referendum procedure; submission at statewide election; effective date. This Act shall be submitted to the legal voters of the State of Maine at a statewide election to be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November following passage of this Act. The city aldermen, town selectmen and plantation assessors of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election, to vote on the acceptance or rejection of this Act by voting on the following question:

“Shall a bond issue be ratified in the amount of \$12,800,000 for bridge and highway improvements?”

The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question, and shall designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square below the word “Yes” or “No.” The ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review the returns and, if it appears that a majority of the legal votes are in favor of the Act, the Governor shall proclaim that fact without delay, and the Act shall become effective 30 days after the date of the proclamation.

The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this Act necessary to carry out the purposes of this referendum.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The funds provided by this bond issue will be used for highway and bridge improvements and primarily serve to match federal funds available for this purpose.