

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

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7 H.P. 508

House of Representatives, February 8, 1983

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9 Committee on State Government, and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule
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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Swazey of Bucksport.

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12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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17 AN ACT to Prevent Combining
18 More Than One Bond Issue Item
19 in a Single Bond Issue Bill.
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

23 Sec. 1. 21 MRSA §702, sub-§5-A, as enacted by PL
24 1971, c. 147, is repealed.

25 Sec. 2. 21 MRSA §704-A is enacted to read:

26 §704-A. Separate ratification of individual bond
27 issue projects

28 Whenever ratification by the electors of the
29 State is essential to the validity of bonds to be
30 issued on behalf of the State pursuant to the Consti-
31 tution of Maine, Article IX, Section 14, each indi-
32 vidual project to be financed by the issuance of

1 those bonds shall be submitted to the electors in a
2 separate question. Two or more projects may be com-
3 bined in a single question for submission to the
4 electors only if they are so closely related to each
5 other that one would not be acquired or constructed
6 without the other, or if they are similar projects in
7 different locations.

8 Whenever ratification by the electors is essen-
9 tial to the validity of bonds issued on behalf of the
10 State, the ballot shall contain the total interest
11 necessary for the retirement of the bonds outstanding
12 and unpaid.

13 STATEMENT OF FACT

14 This bill prohibits combining more than one bond
15 issue item in a single bond issue bill.

16 The bill permits combining projects in a single
17 question in 2 instances only:

18 A. When the projects are so closely related to
19 each other that one would not be acquired or con-
20 structed without the other -- a drydock and a
21 wharf, for example; or

22 B. When they are similar projects in different
23 locations -- road improvements in several differ-
24 ent locations, for example.

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