

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

No. 1141

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7 S.P. 367

In Senate, March 9, 1983

8 Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent
9 down for concurrence and ordered printed.

10 JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Diamond of Cumberland.

Cosponsors: Senator Pearson of Penobscot and Representative Cooper of
11 Windham.

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 Authorizing a Bond Issue in the
18 Amount of \$3,500,000 for the Purposes of
19 Constructing Additional Facilities at the
20 Maine Correctional Center.
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22 **Preamble.** Two-thirds of both Houses of the
23 Legislature deeming it necessary in accordance with
24 the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 14, to
25 authorize the issuance of bonds on behalf of the
26 State of Maine for the purpose of constructing addi-
27 tional facilities at the Maine Correctional Center.

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

30 **Sec. 1.** Bond issue of \$3,500,000 author-
31 ized. The Treasurer of State is authorized, under
32 the direction of the Governor, to issue from time to
33 time, serial coupon bonds in the name and on behalf
34 of the State to an amount not exceeding \$3,500,000

1 payable serially at the State Treasury for a period
2 no longer than 20 years from date of issue. The
3 bonds and coupons shall be of such denominations and
4 form and upon such terms and conditions, not inconsi-
5 sistent herewith, as the Treasurer of State shall
6 direct. The proceeds from the sale of the bonds
7 shall be used for constructing a 40-bed facility to
8 house female inmates at the Maine Correctional Cen-
9 ter. The bonds shall be deemed a pledge of the faith
10 and credit of the State. The bonds shall be issued
11 from time to time so as to meet the needs of the
12 project. The bonds, when paid at maturity or other-
13 wise retired, shall not be reissued, but may be
14 refunded on terms more favorable to the State than
15 those in the original issue.

16 **Sec. 2. Interest and debt retirement.** Interest
17 due or accruing upon any bonds issued under this Act
18 and all sums coming due for payment on bonds at matu-
19 rity shall be paid by the Treasurer of State from any
20 money in the State Treasury not otherwise appropri-
21 ated.

22 **Sec. 3. Disbursement of bond proceeds.** The pro-
23 ceeds of the bonds shall be expended under the direc-
24 tion and supervision of the Department of Correc-
25 tions.

26 **Sec. 4. Appropriation balances at year end.** At
27 the end of each fiscal year, all unencumbered appro-
28 priation balances representing state moneys shall
29 carry forward from year to year.

30 **Sec. 5. Contingent upon ratification of bond**
31 **issue.** Sections 1 to 4 shall not be effective unless
32 and until the people of this State shall have rati-
33 fied the issuance of bonds as set forth in this Act.

34 **Sec. 6 Statutory referendum procedure; submis-**
35 **sion at statewide election; effective date.** This Act
36 shall be submitted to the legal voters of the State
37 at a statewide election to be held on the Tuesday
38 following the first Monday of November following pas-
39 sage of this Act. The city aldermen, town selectmen
40 and plantation assessors of this State shall notify
41 the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and
42 plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law

1 for holding a statewide election, to vote on the ac-
2 ceptance or rejection of this Act by voting on the
3 following question:

4 "Shall a bond issue be ratified in the amount of
5 \$3,500,000 for constructing additional facilities
6 at the Maine Correctional Center?"

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

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

25 STATEMENT OF FACT

26 The purpose of this bill is to authorize a bond
27 issue of \$3,500,000 to add a 40-bed facility for
28 women at the Maine Correctional Center.

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