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2 (Filing No. S-413) STATE OF MAINE 3 4 SENATE 5 111TH LEGISLATURE 6 SECOND REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 7 582, L.D. 1690, Bill, "AN ACT to Authorize a Bond Issue 8 in the Amount of \$3,000,000 for the Elimination of . Asbestos Hazards in Public School Buildings." 10 Amend the bill in the title by striking cut the figure "33,000,000" and inserting in its place the figure '1,500,000' 11 12 13 14 Further amend the bill by insering before the 15 preamble the following: 16 'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legis-17 lature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and 18 19 Whereas, there is an immediate need for elimina-20 tion of asbestos hazards in public school building; 21 and 22 Whereas, there is already scheduled an election 23 in June 1984, at which time the electorate could vote 24 upon ratification of the bond issue authorized in 25 this Act; and Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, 26 27 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of 28 the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-vation of the public peace, health and safety; now 29 30 31 therefore, 32 Further amend the bill in section 2, in the 5th 33 line (page 3, line 2 in L.D.) by striking out the 34 words "serial coupon" and inserting in their place the word 'registered' 35

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Further amend the bill in section 2, in the 6th (page 3, line 4 in L.D.) by striking out the figure "\$3,000,000" and inserting in its place the figure '\$1,500,000'

5 Further amend the bill in section 7, in the last 6 line (page 4, line 9 in L.D.) by striking out the 7 word, punctuation and figure "Cost: \$3,000,000" and 8 inserting in their place the following:

9 'No local school unit may be reimbursed for projects 10 with a total cost of less than \$500 and no local 11 school unit may receive more than \$150,000'

12 Further amend the bill by striking out all of 13 section 10 and inserting in its place the following:

14 'Sec. 10. Statutory referendum procedure; sub-15 mission at statewide election; form of question; 16 emergency clause. This Act shall be submitted to the 17 legal voters of the State of Maine at the primary election to be held on the 2nd Tuesday of June fol-18 lowing 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 19 20 21 22 23 prescribed by law for holding a statewide election, 24 to vote on the acceptance or rejection of this Act by 25 voting on the following question:

26 "Do you favor a \$1,500,000 bond issue to remove 27 asbestos hazards from public schools?"

28 The legal voters of each city, town and 29 plantation shall vote by ballot on this question, and shall designate their choice by a cross or check mark 30 31 placed within a corresponding square below the word "Yes" or "No." 32 The ballots shall be received, 33 sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and 34 plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary 35 of State in the same manner as votes for members of 36 the Legislature. The Governor shall review the reD. OF R.

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turns 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, in view of the emergency set out in the preamble, the Act shall become effective 30 days after the date of the proclamation.

7 The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish 8 to each city, town and plantation all ballots, re-9 turns and copies of this Act necessary to carry out 10 the purpose of this referendum.'

11 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end, 12 before the statement of fact, the following:

'FISCAL NOTE

14 The total cost of this bill is estimated to be 15 \$1,809,375. This amount includes interest calculated 16 at 8.25% over 5 years.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

16 This amendment reduces the bonding requirement to 19 \$1,500,000, establishes a minimum and maximum reim-20 bursement level, makes necessary technical changes 21 and adds a fiscal note.

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