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(EMERGENCY)

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 2279

H.P. 1726 House of Representatives, March 16, 1984

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs is suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Kelleher of Bangor.

Cosponsors: Senator Danton of York, Representative Paradis of Augusta and Representative Drinkwater of Belfast.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Authorize a General Fund Bond
Issue in the Amount of \$1,500,000 for the
Design, Construction and Equipping of a Crime
Lab and Morgue.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, there is an immediate need for adequate forensic laboratory facilities; and

Whereas, there is already scheduled an election in June, 1984, at which time the electorate could vote upon ratification of the bond issue authorized in this Act; and

Whereas, if the bond issue is ratified in June, 1984, construction could begin during the 1984 construction season; and

1 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,
2 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of
3 the Constitution of Maine and require the following
4 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-
5 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
6 therefore,

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

9 **Sec. 1. Issue of bonds to provide for the de-**
10 **sign, construction and equipping of a crime lab and**
11 **morgue.** The Treasurer of State may, under the direc-
12 tion of the Governor, issue from time to time serial
13 coupon bonds in the name and behalf of the State to
14 an amount not exceeding \$1,500,000, for the purpose
15 of raising funds to provide for the design, construc-
16 tion and equipping of a crime lab and morgue as au-
17 thorized by section 6. The bonds shall be deemed a
18 pledge of the faith and credit of the State. The
19 bonds shall not run for a longer period than 20 years
20 from the date of the original issue thereof. Any is-
21 suance of bonds may contain a call feature at the
22 discretion of the Treasurer of State with the approv-
23 al of the Governor.

24 **Sec. 2. Records of bonds issued to be kept by**
25 **the State Auditor and Treasurer of State.** The State
26 Auditor shall keep an account of the bonds showing
27 the number and amount of each, the date when payable
28 and the date of delivery thereof to the Treasurer of
29 State who shall keep an account of each bond showing
30 the number thereof, the name of the successful bidder
31 to whom sold, the amount received for the bond, the
32 date of sale and the date when payable.

33 **Sec. 3. Sale, how negotiated; proceeds appropri-**
34 **ated.** The Treasurer of State may negotiate the sale
35 of the bonds by direction of the Governor; but no
36 such bond shall be loaned, pledged or hypothecated in
37 behalf of the State. The proceeds of the sale of the
38 bonds, which shall be held by the Treasurer of State
39 and paid by him upon warrants drawn by the Governor,
40 are appropriated to be used solely for the purposes
41 set forth in this Act. Any unencumbered balances re-
42 maining at the completion of the project in section

1 6 shall lapse to the debt service account established
2 for the retirement of these bonds.

3 Sec. 4. Interest and debt retirement. Interest
4 due or accruing upon any bonds issued under this Act
5 and all sums coming due for payment of bonds at matura-
6 rity shall be paid by the Treasurer of State.

7 Sec. 5. Disbursement of bonds' proceeds. The
8 proceeds of the bonds shall be expended under the di-
9 rection and supervision of the Director of Public Im-
10 provements.

11 Sec. 6. Allocations from General Fund bond is-
12 sue; crime lab and morgue construction.

13 PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF

14 Crime Lab and Morgue Construction \$1,500,000

15 Sec. 7. Contingent upon ratification of bond is-
16 sue. Sections 1 to 6 shall not become effective un-
17 less and until the people of the State have ratified
18 the issuance of bonds as set forth in this Act.

19 Sec. 8. Appropriation balances at year end. At
20 the end of each fiscal year, all unencumbered appro-
21 priation balances representing state moneys shall
22 carry forward from year to year.

23 Sec. 9. Statutory referendum procedure; submis-
24 sion at statewide election; emergency clause. This
25 Act shall be submitted to the legal voters of the
26 State of Maine at the primary election to be held on
27 the 2nd Tuesday of June, following passage of this
28 Act. The city aldermen, town selectmen and
29 plantation assessors of this State shall notify the
30 inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and
31 plantations to meet in the manner prescribed by law
32 for holding a statewide election to vote on the ac-
33 ceptance or rejection of this Act by voting on the
34 following question:

35 "Shall a \$1,500,000 bond issue be authorized to
36 build a State Police crime lab and morgue?"

