

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Presented by Representative Hobbins of Saco.

11 Cosponsors: Representative Jalbert of Lewiston, Representative Beaulieu
of Portland and Representative Matthews of Caribou.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR
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17 AN ACT to Authorize a General Fund Bond
18 Issue in the Amount of \$12,900,000 for Capital
19 Improvements, Construction, Renovations,
20 Equipment and Furnishings for
21 Vocational-Technical Institutes.
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23 Preamble. Two-thirds of both Houses of the Leg-
24 islature deeming it necessary in accordance with the
25 Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 14, to au-
26 thorize the issuance of bonds on behalf of the State
27 of Maine to provide funds for capital improvements,
28 construction, renovations, equipment and furnishings
29 for Vocational-Technical Institutes.

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

32 Sec. 1. Issue of bonds to provide for capital
33 improvements, construction, renovations, equipment
34 and furnishings for vocational-technical insti-
35 tutes. The Treasurer of State is authorized, under

1 the direction of the Governor, to issue from time to
2 time registered bonds in the name and behalf of the
3 State to an amount not exceeding \$12,900,000 for the
4 purpose of raising funds to provide for capital im-
5 provements, construction, renovations, equipment and
6 furnishings for vocational-technical institutes as
7 authorized by section 6. The bonds shall be deemed a
8 pledge of the faith and credit of the State. The
9 bonds shall not run for a longer period than 10 years
10 from the date of the original issue thereof. Any is-
11 suance of bonds may contain a call feature at the
12 discretion of the Treasurer of State with the approv-
13 al of the Governor.

14 **Sec. 2. Records of bonds issued to be kept by**
15 **the State Auditor and Treasurer of State.** The State
16 Auditor shall keep an account of the bonds, showing
17 the number and amount of each, the date when payable
18 and the date of delivery thereof to the Treasurer of
19 State who shall keep an account of each bond showing
20 the number thereof, the name of the successful bidder
21 to whom sold, the amount received for the same, the
22 date of sale and the date when payable.

23 **Sec. 3. Sale, how negotiated; proceeds appropri-**
24 **ated.** The Treasurer of State may negotiate the sale
25 of the bonds by direction of the Governor, but no
26 such bond shall be loaned, pledged or hypothecated in
27 behalf of the State. The proceeds of the sale of the
28 bonds, which shall be held by the Treasurer of State
29 and paid by him upon warrants drawn by the Governor,
30 are appropriated to be used solely for the purposes
31 set forth in this Act. Any unencumbered balances re-
32 maining at the completion of the projects in section
33 6 shall lapse to the debt service account established
34 for the retirement of these bonds.

35 **Sec. 4. Interest and debt retirement.** Interest
36 due or accruing upon any bonds issued under this Act
37 and all sums coming due for payment of bonds at matu-
38 rity shall be paid by the Treasurer of State.

39 **Sec. 5. Disbursement of bonds proceeds.** The
40 proceeds of the bonds shall be expended under the di-
41 rection and supervision of the Director of Public Im-
42 provements.

1 Sec. 6. Allocations from General Fund bond issue
2 - vocational-technical institutes. The proceeds of
3 the sale of bonds shall be expended as designated in
4 the following schedule:

5 EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES,
6 DEPARTMENT OF

7	Central Maine Vocational-Technical	
8	Institute	\$ 1,600,000
9	Washington County Vocational-Technical	
10	Institute	1,120,000
11	Eastern Maine Vocational-Technical	
12	Institute	1,900,000
13	Southern Maine Vocational-Technical	
14	Institute	2,840,000
15	Northern Maine Vocational-Technical	
16	Institute	2,500,000
17	Kennebec Valley Vocational-Technical	
18	Institute	2,940,000
19	TOTAL	\$12,900,000

20 Sec. 7. Transfer between items. The amounts
21 listed after the items in section 6 are to be con-
22 strued as a guide. Any of these amounts may be ex-
23 ceeded with the approval of the Governor by transfer
24 from one item to another not exceeding 10% in the ag-
25 gregate.

26 Sec. 8. Contingent upon ratification of bond is-
27 sue. Sections 1 to 7 shall not become effective un-
28 less and until the people of the State have ratified
29 the issuance of bonds as set forth in this Act.

30 Sec. 9. Appropriation balances at year end. At
31 the end of each fiscal year, all unencumbered appro-
32 priation balances representing state moneys shall
33 carry forward from year to year. If the bond pro-
34 ceeds which have not been expended within 10 years
35 after the date of the sale of the bonds they shall
36 lapse to General Fund debt service.

37 Sec. 10. Statutory referendum procedure, submis-
38 sion at special statewide election, effective
39 date. This Act shall be submitted to the legal vot-
40 ers of the State of Maine at the next general or spe-

1 cial statewide election following passage of this
2 Act. The city aldermen, town selectmen and
3 plantation assessors of this State shall notify the
4 inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and
5 plantations to meet in the manner prescribed by law
6 for holding a statewide election to vote on the ac-
7 ceptance or rejection of this Act by voting on the
8 following question.

9 "Shall a bond issue be authorized in the amount
10 of \$12,900,000 for buildings at vocational-technical
11 institutes?"

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

26 The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish
27 to each city, town and plantation all ballots, re-
28 turns and copies of this Act necessary to carry out
29 the purpose of this referendum.

30 STATEMENT OF FACT

31 This bill provides for a bond issue in the amount
32 of \$12,900,000 for capital improvements, construc-
33 tion, renovations, equipment and furnishings for
34 vocational-technical institutes. Included are:

35 1. Building addition for machine tool, automo-
36 tive and welding programs at Central Maine
37 Vocational-Technical Institute;

38 2. New wing for classroom space at Washington
39 County Vocational-Technical Institute;

1 3. Heavy mechanics building for machine tool,
2 refrigeration, air conditioning, drafting and elec-
3 tronics programs at Eastern Maine
4 Vocational-Technical Institutes;

5 4. New building to house the library, allied
6 health center and administrative offices at Southern
7 Maine Vocational-Technical Institute;

8 5. New multi-purpose building to house licensed
9 practical nurse, associate degree nurse, electrical,
10 electronics and masonry programs at Northern Maine
11 Vocational-Technical Institute; and

12 6. Building addition to house allied health and
13 business-secretarial programs at Kennebec Valley
14 Vocational-Technical Institute.

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