

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 601

S.P. 220

In Senate, March 3, 1987

Reference to the Committee on Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate  
Presented by President PRAY of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake, Senator CLARK of Cumberland, Representative DIAMOND of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT to Authorize a Bond Issue in the  
2 Amount of \$4,300,000 for Constructing  
3 and Equipping Centers for Advanced  
4 Technology that Service the Economic  
5 Development Needs of Maine.  
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7 Preamble. Two thirds of both Houses of the Leg-  
8 islature deeming it necessary in accordance with the  
9 Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 14, to au-  
10 thorize the issuance of bonds on behalf of the State  
11 of Maine to provide capital improvements, construc-  
12 tion, renovations, equipment and furnishings for cre-  
13 ating centers for advanced technology.

14 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
15 follows:

1           Sec. 10. Bond authorized but not issued. Any  
2 bonds authorized but not issued, or for which bond  
3 anticipation notes have not been issued within 5  
4 years of the ratification of this Act, shall be  
5 deauthorized and may not be issued, provided that the  
6 Legislature may, within 2 years after the expiration  
7 of the 5-year period, extend the period for issuing  
8 any remaining unissued bonds or bond anticipation  
9 notes for an additional amount of time not to exceed  
10 5 years.

11           Sec. 11. Statutory referendum procedure; submis-  
12 sion at statewide election; form of question; effec-  
13 tive date. This Act shall be submitted to the legal  
14 voters of the State of Maine at a statewide election  
15 to be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday  
16 of November following passage of this Act. The city  
17 aldermen, town selectmen and plantation assessors of  
18 this State shall notify the inhabitants of their re-  
19 spective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in  
20 the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide  
21 election, to vote on the acceptance or rejection of  
22 this Act by voting on the following question:

23           "Do you favor a \$4,300,000 bond issue to build  
24 and equip centers for advanced technology that  
25 support the growth of new and existing business  
26 and industry?"

27           The legal voters of each city, town and planta-  
28 tion shall vote by ballot on this question, and shall  
29 designate their choice by a cross or check mark  
30 placed within a corresponding square below the word  
31 "Yes" or "No." The ballots shall be received,  
32 sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and  
33 plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary  
34 of State in the same manner as votes for members of  
35 the Legislature. The Governor shall review the re-  
36 turns and, if it appears that a majority of the legal  
37 voters are in favor of the Act, the Governor shall  
38 proclaim that fact without delay, and the Act shall  
39 become effective 30 days after the date of the proc-  
40 lamation.

41           The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish  
42 to each city, town and plantation all ballots, re-  
43 turns and copies of this Act necessary to carry out  
44 the purpose of this referendum.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2           This bill provides for a bond issue in the amount  
3 of \$4,300,000 for financing the construction and ac-  
4 quisition of facilities and equipment to create  
5 needed centers for advanced technology in Maine.

6           Throughout the nation, technology centers are  
7 emerging as a significant new force for stimulating  
8 economic development. In Maine, the center concept  
9 offers the opportunity to concentrate knowledge, fa-  
10 cilities and personnel needed by business and indus-  
11 try to grow and stay competitive in an increasingly  
12 technology-dependent age. The purpose of the Maine  
13 centers for advanced technology will be to:

14           1. Promote research into new products and pro-  
15 cesses for enhancing the economics of fisheries, ag-  
16 riculture and forestry-based businesses and industry;

17           2. Support the transfer of technological innova-  
18 tions and knowledge to existing Maine businesses and  
19 industry; and

20           3. Foster the creation of new enterprises that  
21 offer growth potential in emerging technologies.

22           The bill requires that at least 25% of the re-  
23 search conducted in the centers shall be used to ben-  
24 efit rural economic development programs.

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