

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SECOND REGULAR SESSION - 1990

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S.P. 941

In Senate, March 1, 1990

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Joy J. O'Brien'.

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator COLLINS of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Senator PEARSON of Penobscot, Representative DEXTER of Kingfield and Representative PARADIS of Frenchville.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

Resolve, Concerning Reauthorization of the \$15,000,000 Bond Issue for Sewage Treatment, Water Quality Improvement Facilities and Restoration and Cleanup of Oil Contaminated Ground Water and Well Water.



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

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6 **Whereas,** the Treasurer of State will be unable to sell any
bonds not yet issued from the \$15,000,000 pollution abatement
bond issue authorized by the voters in 1985 unless the
Legislature reauthorizes the issuance of those bonds; and

10 **Whereas,** the Department of Environmental Protection will not
be able to meet its existing contractual obligations with
municipalities and quasi-municipal corporations unless the bonds
not yet issued are reauthorized; and

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16 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
safety; now, therefore, be it

20 **Sec. 1. Findings; expiration. Resolved:** That the Legislature
finds that the authorization for the \$15,000,000 bond issue
approved by the electorate in November 1985, for sewage
treatment, water quality improvement facilities and restoration
and cleanup of oil contaminated ground water and well water will
expire in December 1990; and be it further

28 **Sec. 2. Findings; reauthorization necessary. Resolved:** That the
Legislature further finds that unless the bond issue is
reauthorized the progress in cleaning up the State's waters by
municipal dischargers will be seriously hindered and the State
will not be able to meet its existing contract obligations with
municipalities and quasi-municipal corporations; and be it further

34 **Sec. 3. Reauthorization of bonds. Resolved:** That it is the
intent of the Legislature to reauthorize bonds not yet issued
from the \$15,000,000 bond issue for sewage treatment, water
quality improvement facilities and restoration and cleanup of oil
contaminated ground water and well water for an additional 5-year
period from the effective date of this resolve; and be it further

42 **Sec. 4. Appropriation. Resolved:** That no additional
appropriation is required to carry out the purposes of this
resolve.

46 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

4 Bonds in the amount of \$5,220,000 out of a \$15,000,000
6 authorization for pollution abatement projects in 1985 remain
8 unsold but are committed to specific ongoing projects. In
10 compliance with federal tax laws, the Office of the Treasurer of
12 State and the Department of Environmental Protection seek to
14 limit actual bond sales to the amount needed for current
expenditures in a given 6-month period. Sale of the remaining
1985 bonds is anticipated in the spring of 1991 and the spring of
1992. State law requires legislative reauthorization of bonds
unsold after 5 years.

16 All funds of the 1985 bond issue are already committed to
specific contracts for municipal and quasi-municipal water
pollution abatement projects.