

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Reported by Representative ERWIN for the Joint Standing Committee on Audit and Program Review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, chapter 33.

Reference to the Joint Standing Committee on Audit and Program Review suggested and printing ordered under Joint Rule 18.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

**An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of
\$10,045,000 for the Maine Technical College System.**



2 **Preamble.** Two thirds of both Houses of the Legislature
3 deeming it necessary in accordance with the Constitution of
4 Maine, Article IX, Section 14, to authorize the issuance of bonds
5 on behalf of the State of Maine to provide funds for the Maine
6 Technical College System.

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

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9 **Sec. 1. Authorization of bonds to provide for the Maine Technical**
10 **College System.** The Treasurer of State is authorized, under the
11 direction of the Governor, to issue bonds in the name and behalf
12 of the State in an amount not exceeding \$10,045,000 to raise
13 funds for the purchase of technical training equipment for all
14 branches of the Maine Technical College System as authorized by
15 section 6. The bonds are a pledge of the full faith and credit
16 of the State. The bonds may not run for a period longer than 20
17 years from the date of the original issue of the bonds. At the
18 discretion of the Treasurer of State, with the approval of the
19 Governor, any issuance of bonds may contain a call feature.

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

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30 **Sec. 3. Sale; how negotiated; proceeds appropriated.** The
31 Treasurer of State may negotiate the sale of the bonds by
32 direction of the Governor, but no bond may be loaned, pledged or
33 hypothecated on behalf of the State. The proceeds of the sale of
34 the bonds, which must be held by the Treasurer of State and paid
35 by the Treasurer of State upon warrants drawn by the State
36 Controller, are appropriated solely for the purposes set forth in
37 this Act. Any unencumbered balances remaining at the completion
38 of the project in section 6 lapse to the debt service account
39 established for the retirement of these bonds.

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41 **Sec. 4. Interest and debt retirement.** The Treasurer of State
42 shall pay interest due or accruing on any bonds issued under this
43 Act and all sums coming due for payment of bonds at maturity.

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45 **Sec. 5. Disbursement of bond proceeds.** The proceeds of the
46 bonds must be expended as set out in section 6 under the
47 direction and supervision of the Board of Trustees of the Maine
48 Technical College System.

2 officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their
3 respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the manner
4 prescribed by law for holding a statewide election, to vote on
5 the acceptance or rejection of this Act by voting on the
6 following question:

7 "Do you favor a \$10,045,000 bond issue for financing the
8 purchase of technical training equipment needed by all
9 branches of the Maine Technical College System?"

10 The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall
11 vote by ballot on this question and designate their choice by a
12 cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square below
13 the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted,
14 counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings
15 and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as
16 votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review
17 the returns and, if a majority of the legal votes are cast in
18 favor of the Act, the Governor shall proclaim the result without
19 delay, and the Act becomes effective 30 days after the date of
20 the proclamation.

21 The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each
22 city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this
23 Act necessary to carry out the purpose of this referendum.

24 STATEMENT OF FACT

25 The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of
26 \$10,045,000, will be used to purchase technical training
27 equipment needed by the Maine Technical College System. As a
28 result of its recent review of the Maine Technical College
29 System, the Joint Standing Committee on Audit and Program Review
30 is recommending this bill to alleviate a significant shortfall in
31 both the quantity and quality of the technical training equipment
32 currently available to the Maine Technical College System. A
33 more detailed justification and explanation of the need for this
34 bond issue can be found in the Audit and Program Review
35 Committee's 1990-91 Review of the Maine Technical College System,
36 which will be published in February 1991.