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

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

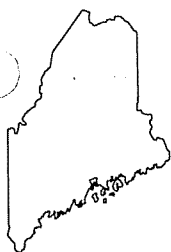
Presented by Representative MAYO of Thomaston.

Cosponsored by Representative ANTHONY of South Portland, Representative GWADOSKY of Fairfield and Representative McKEEN of Windham.

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
\$35,000,000 for Construction, Planning, Purchasing and Renovation of
Correctional Facilities.**



2 **Sec. A-5. Disbursement of bond proceeds.** The proceeds of the
3 bonds must be expended as set out in section 6 of this Part under
4 the direction and supervision of the Director of Public
Improvements in consultation with the Commissioner of Corrections.

6 **Sec. A-6. Allocations from General Fund bond issue; correctional**
7 **facilities.** The proceeds of the sale of bonds must be expended as
8 designated in the following schedule.

10 **CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF**

12	300 medium-security beds in facility to be	\$22,500,000
14	constructed in the Interstate 95 corridor	
	between Kittery and Waterville	
16	50-bed prerelease center in Cumberland County	1,400,000
18	or York County	
20	2 community-based diversion and restitution	2,800,000
	centers in Androscoggin County and Penobscot	
22	County	
24	50-bed minimum security housing unit and	1,500,000
	improvements to sewerage treatment facilities	
26	at the Downeast Correctional Center	
28	Reconstruction and renovations at the Maine	6,500,000
	State Prison at Thomaston	
30	Establishment of a women's prerelease unit	50,000
32	in Hallowell	
34	Feasibility studies for future operations,	250,000
	additions and establishment of new resources	
36	regarding the Maine Youth Center; for	
	establishing a multipurpose correctional	
38	facility with reception, diagnostic, mental	
	health, medical and geriatric services; and	
40	for possible future uses for the Maine State	
	Prison	

42 **DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**
43 **TOTAL**

\$35,000,000

44 **Sec. A-7. Contingent upon ratification of bond issue.** Sections A-1
45 to A-6 do not become effective unless the people of the State
46 have ratified the issuance of bonds as set forth in this Act.

48 **Sec. A-8. Appropriation balances at year end.** At the end of each
49 fiscal year, all unencumbered appropriation balances representing
50 state money carry forward. Bond proceeds that have

not been expended within 10 years after the date of the sale of the bonds lapse to General Fund debt service.

Sec. A-9. Bonds authorized but not issued. Any bonds authorized but not issued, or for which bond anticipation notes are not issued within 5 years of ratification of this Act, are deauthorized and may not be issued; except that the Legislature may, within 2 years after the expiration of that 5-year period, extend the period for issuing any remaining unissued bonds or bond anticipation notes for an additional amount of time not to exceed 5 years.

Sec. A-10. Referendum for ratification; submission at statewide election; form of question; effective date. This Act must be submitted to the legal voters of the State of Maine at a statewide election held on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November following passage of this Act. The municipal officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election, to vote on the acceptance or rejection of this Act by voting on the following question:

"Do you favor a \$35,000,000 bond issue for construction, planning, purchasing and renovation of correctional facilities and the study of future operation needs?"

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

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

PART B

Elimination of "East Wing Annex." The area of the Maine State Prison presently designated as the "East Wing Annex" may not be used as a residential area unless it is renovated to meet American Correctional Association Standards. This provision is effective immediately upon the occupation of any portion of the proposed medium-security facility as proposed in Part A.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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Part A of this bill authorizes the issuance of a bond issue. The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$35,000,000, will be used to construct, plan, purchase and renovate correctional facilities.

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Part B of this bill, which is effective upon the occupation of any portion of the medium-security facility proposed in Part A, provides that the East Wing Annex of the Maine State Prison may not be used as a residential area unless it is renovated to meet American Correctional Association Standards.

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