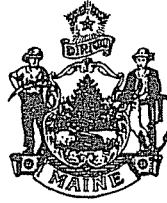


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House of Representatives, February 27, 1991

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

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative MITCHELL of Vassalboro.

Cosponsored by Representative LEBOWITZ of Bangor, Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland and Representative SALISBURY of Ellsworth.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Amend the Maine Housing Authorities Act and the Affordable Housing Partnership Act of 1989.



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

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3 Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4723, sub-§2, ¶E, as amended by PL 1989, c.
4 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further amended to read:

6 E. The director is a full-time employee of the authority,
7 but may receive fees or honoraria for services provided to
8 others not in conflict with full-time duties and not
9 performed during time for which the director is receiving
10 compensation from the Maine State Housing Authority. In
11 addition to any authorized compensation, the director is
12 entitled to any employee benefits that are available to
13 other employees of the Maine State Housing Authority,
14 including, but not limited to, authority contributions to
15 any retirement plan, insurance plan, deferred compensation
16 plan or other similar benefits. Each commissioner and
17 advisory board member ~~shall be compensated~~ is entitled to
18 compensation according to the provisions of Title 5, chapter
19 379 except notwithstanding Title 5, section 12003-A,
20 subsection 4, authorized expenses incurred by a state
21 employee, or designee of that state employee, serving in an
22 ex officio capacity as a commissioner must be paid from the
23 budget of the authority.

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25 Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §4907, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1989, c.914,
26 §6, is further amended to read:

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28 1. **Limitations on amount of outstanding principal.** The
29 Maine State Housing Authority may not at any time have an
30 aggregate principal amount outstanding, in excess of \$985,000,000
31 \$1,050,000,000 of mortgage purchase bonds secured by the Housing
32 Reserve Fund or a Capital Reserve Fund to which section 4906,
33 subsection 3, paragraph A applies. Mortgage purchase bonds of
34 the Maine State Housing Authority secured by capital reserve
35 funds to which section 4906, subsection 3, paragraph A does not
36 apply, bond or mortgage insurance, direct or indirect contract
37 with the United States, purchase or repurchase agreement of
38 guaranty with a banking or other financial organization or other
39 credit arrangements securing the bonds may be issued up to
40 \$100,000,000 per calendar year in an aggregate principal amount
41 not to exceed \$300,000,000.

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43 Sec. 3. 30-A MRSA §5032, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 601, Pt.
44 B, §4, is amended to read:

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46 **§5032. Use of money**

47 Money provided to municipalities under this subchapter shall
48 must be in the form of low-interest loans. Money provided to
49 nonprofit housing corporations may be in the form of grants,
50 low-interest loans or no-interest loans. Funds available under
51 this subchapter shall must be used to acquire or preserve land
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2 for affordable housing for the homeless and ~~lower~~ lower-income
and moderate-income households including mortgageable
4 predevelopment costs. Funds may be used to make minor capital
improvements to land acquired under this chapter to facilitate
6 its use for housing.

8 Sec. 4. 30-A MRSA §5035, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1989, c.
601, Pt. B, §4, is amended to read:

10 3. **Application of fund.** The state authority shall apply
money in the fund to finance the acquisition of land or interests
12 in land, including mortgageable predevelopment costs, in
accordance with this chapter and chapter 201, subchapters III-A
14 and XI, and to finance minor capital improvements on acquired
lands.
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18 STATEMENT OF FACT

20 This bill:

22 1. Clarifies the payment of expenses incurred by state
employees who serve as ex officio commissioners of the Maine
24 State Housing Authority;

26 2. Increases the bonding authority of the Maine State
Housing Authority that is backed by the moral obligation of the
28 State; and

30 3. Clarifies that funds in the Land Acquisition Program may
be used to finance the reasonable costs associated with the
32 acquisition of land for affordable housing.