

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**

Reported by: The Majority of the Committee.

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**STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
117TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 741, L.D. 1849, Bill, "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$26,500,000 to Investigate, Abate, Clean up and Mitigate Hazardous Substance Discharges, to Clean Up Tire Stockpiles, to Construct Water Pollution Control Facilities, to Close and Clean Up Municipal Solid Waste Landfills and to Address Environmental Health Deficiencies in Drinking Water Supplies"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$10,000,000 to Construct Water Pollution Control Facilities and to Address Environmental Health Deficiencies in Drinking Water Supplies'**

Further amend the bill in the preamble in the 4th to 8th lines (page 1, lines 4 to 8 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "provide funds to investigate, abate, clean up and mitigate threats to public health and the environment from hazardous substance discharges, to clean up tire stockpiles, to construct water pollution control facilities, to close and clean up municipal solid waste landfills" and inserting in its place the following: 'construct water pollution control facilities'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following: .

2            'Sec. 1. Authorization of bonds to provide for funds to construct  
 4 **water pollution control facilities and to address environmental health**  
 6 **deficiencies in drinking water supplies.** The Treasurer of State is  
 8 authorized, under the direction of the Governor, to issue bonds  
 10 in the name and on behalf of the State in an amount not exceeding  
 12 \$10,000,000 to raise funds to construct water pollution control  
 14 facilities and to address environmental health deficiencies in  
 drinking water supplies as authorized by section 6. The bonds  
 are a pledge of the full faith and credit of the State. The  
 bonds may not run for a period longer than 10 years from the date  
 of the original issue of the bonds. At the discretion of the  
 Treasurer of State, with the approval of the Governor, any  
 issuance of bonds may contain a call feature.'

16            Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 6 and  
 18 inserting in its place the following:

20            'Sec. 6. Allocations from General Fund bond issue; construct water  
 22 **pollution control facilities; address environmental health deficiencies in**  
 24 **drinking water supplies.** The proceeds of the sale of bonds must be  
 expended as designated in the following schedule.

24            **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,**  
 26 **DEPARTMENT OF**

26            Construction of water pollution control                                 \$8,000,000  
 28 facilities to provide the state match  
 30 for \$10,000,000 in federal funds

32            **HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

32            Address environmental health deficiencies                                 2,000,000  
 34 in drinking water supplies

36            **TOTAL ALLOCATIONS**   \$10,000,000'

38            Further amend the bill in section 10 by striking out all of  
 40 the question (page 3, lines 37 to 49 in L.D.) and inserting in  
 its place the following:

42            '"Do you favor a \$10,000,000 bond issue for the following  
 44 purposes: (1) \$8,000,000 to construct water pollution  
 46 control facilities, providing the state match for  
 \$10,000,000 in federal funds; and (2) \$2,000,000 to address  
 environmental health deficiencies in drinking water  
 48 supplies?'"

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

**FISCAL NOTE**

The estimated cost of sending this bond issue out to referendum will vary according to the total number of referenda enacted during the Second Regular Session of the 117th Legislature to be submitted to the voters in November. The estimated cost to the Secretary of State if one to 6 referenda are enacted is \$95,000. Each additional referendum costs an additional \$7,000.

If approved by the voters, the total cost of this bond issue is estimated to be \$12,832,500 with principal payments of \$10,000,000 and interest payments of approximately \$2,832,500.'

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

This amendment lowers the amount of the bond issue to \$10,000,000 and proposes to use the proceeds as follows:

- 1. \$8,000,000 to construct water pollution control facilities; and
- 2. \$2,000,000 to address environmental health deficiencies in drinking water supplies.

The amendment also makes other technical changes and adds a fiscal note.