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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
118TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

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16 SENATE AMENDMENT "*L*" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P.
1397, L.D. 1950, Bill, "An Act to Make Supplemental
Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State
18 Government and Changes to Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary
to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years
20 Ending June 30, 1998 and June 30, 1999"

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Amend the amendment by inserting after Part DDD the
following:

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PART EEE

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28 **Sec. EEE-1. Authorization of purchase, lease or lease-purchase of
equipment or land.** Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes,
Title 5, section 1587, Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation in
30 cooperation with the Treasurer of State is authorized to
purchase, lease with an option to purchase or enter into
32 lease-purchase financing agreements for equipment or land needed
to enable Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation to implement the
34 federally mandated conversion to digital broadcasting, with an
outright purchase price of not more than \$4,500,000. The
36 President of the Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation is
authorized to encumber, mortgage and otherwise give security
38 interests in the equipment or land and to provide for reasonable
access to the property as part of any financing arrangement
40 authorized by this Part.

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The term of any lease-purchase agreement may not exceed 10
years, totaling \$4,500,000 with interest costs at 6.75% of
44 approximately \$1,700,000.

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48 **Sec. EEE-2. 2000-2001 Biennial budget funding.** Maine Public
Broadcasting Corporation is authorized to include the costs
associated with the purchase, lease or lease-purchase agreement
authorized by this Part in its current services budget request
50 annually, beginning in the 2000-2001 biennium.'

2 Further amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering
any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
4 consecutively.

6 **FISCAL NOTE**

8 This amendment authorizes the Maine Public Broadcasting
10 Corporation to issue a lease-purchase agreement to finance its
conversion to digital broadcasting in an amount not to exceed
\$4,500,000 with interest costs at 6.75% of approximately
12 \$1,700,000. This authorization will result in additional debt
service costs in its "current services" budget request beginning
14 in fiscal year 1999-2000, resulting in additional requests for
General Fund appropriations of approximately \$617,000 annually
16 for 10 years.

18 **SUMMARY**

20 This amendment authorizes the Maine Public Broadcasting
22 Corporation to issue a certificate of participation to finance
its conversion to digital broadcasting, as required by federal
24 mandate.

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28 SPONSORED BY: James Amero
(Senator AMERO)

30 COUNTY: Cumberland
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