

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 191

House of Representatives, January 11, 1999

An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for the Repair and Renovation of Schools.

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BRENNAN of Portland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MURPHY of Kennebunk, O'NEIL of Saco, SAXL of Portland, SHIAH of Bowdoinham, SKOGLUND of St. George, Senators: KONTOS of Cumberland, SMALL of Sagadahoc.

2 **Sec. A-6. Allocations from General Fund bond issue; to repair and**
renovate Maine public schools. The proceeds of the sale of bonds
must be expended as designated in the following schedule.

4 **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

6 For renovation and repair of Maine \$35,000,000
8 public schools

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

14 **Sec. A-8. Appropriation balances at year-end.** At the end of each
16 fiscal year, all unencumbered appropriation balances representing
state money carry forward. Bond proceeds that have not been
18 expended within 10 years after the date of the sale of the bonds
lapse to General Fund debt service.

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

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

40 "Do you favor a \$35,000,000 bond issue to renovate and
repair Maine's public schools?"

42 The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall
44 vote by ballot on this question and designate their choice by a
cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square below
46 the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted,
counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings
48 and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as
votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review

2 the returns and, if a majority of the legal votes are cast in
3 favor of this Part, the Governor shall proclaim the result
4 without delay, and this Part becomes effective 30 days after the
5 date of the proclamation.

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

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PART B

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13 **Sec. B-1. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated
14 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Part.

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1999-00

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EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

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School Renovation

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All Other \$10,000,000

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Provides funds for school renovations and
repairs by increasing the capitalization of
26 the School Revolving Renovation Fund
27 established in the Maine Revised Statutes,
28 Title 30-A, section 6006-F.

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Sec. B-2. Effective date. This Part takes effect October 1,
1999.

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SUMMARY

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The Governor's Commission on School Facilities presented a
plan to the Governor and the Legislature designed to address
38 Maine's public school construction, renovation and repair needs.
One recommendation was that the State issue \$35,000,000 in
40 general obligation bonds in each fiscal year 1998-99 and
1999-00. Part A of this bill proposes a \$35,000,000 bond to be
42 presented to the voters in November 1999.

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The commission also recommended an immediate General Fund
appropriation of \$30,000,000. Public Law 1997, chapter 787
46 included a General Fund appropriation of \$20,000,000 to the
School Revolving Renovation Fund.

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Part B of this bill appropriates \$10,000,000 to the program
50 to bring the total appropriation level to \$30,000,000.