

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1222

House of Representatives, March 15, 2001

**An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$17,200,000 to Construct and Upgrade Water Pollution Control Facilities, to Remove Discharges, to Remediate Municipal Solid Waste Landfills, to Clean up Tire Stockpiles, to Make Drinking Water System Improvements and to Develop Municipal Digital Data Layers and Maps.**

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

*Millicent M. MacFarland*

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative COWGER of Hallowell. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)  
Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and  
Representatives: COLLINS of Wells, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, Senator: CARPENTER of York.

2           **Preamble.** Two thirds of both Houses of the Legislature  
4           deeming it necessary in accordance with the Constitution of  
6           Maine, Article IX, Section 14 to authorize the issuance of bonds  
8           on behalf of the State of Maine to provide funds to construct and  
          upgrade water pollution control facilities, to remove discharges,  
          to remediate municipal solid waste landfills, to clean up tire  
          stockpiles, to make drinking water system improvements and to  
          develop municipal digital data layers and maps.

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

12           **Sec. 1. Authorization of bonds to provide for funds to construct and**  
14           **upgrade water pollution control facilities, to remove discharges, to**  
16           **remediate municipal solid waste landfills, to clean up tire stockpiles, to**  
          **make drinking water system improvements and to develop municipal**  
          **digital data layers and maps.** The Treasurer of State is authorized,  
18           under the direction of the Governor, to issue bonds in the name  
          and on behalf of the State in an amount not exceeding \$17,200,000  
20           to raise funds to construct and upgrade water pollution control  
          facilities, to remove discharges, to remediate municipal solid  
22           waste landfills, to clean-up tire stockpiles, to make drinking  
          water system improvements and to develop municipal digital data  
24           layers and maps as authorized by section 6. The bonds are a  
          pledge of the full faith and credit of the State. The bonds may  
26           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  
28           of State, with the approval of the Governor, any issuance of  
          bonds may contain a call feature.

30           **Sec. 2. Records of bonds issued to be kept by the Treasurer of State.**  
          The Treasurer of State shall keep an account of each bond showing  
32           the number of the bond, the name of the successful bidder to whom  
          sold, the amount received for the bond, the date of sale and the  
34           date when payable.

36           **Sec. 3. Sale; how negotiated; proceeds appropriated.** The  
          Treasurer of State may negotiate the sale of the bonds by  
38           direction of the Governor, but no bond may be loaned, pledged or  
          hypothecated on behalf of the State. The proceeds of the sale of  
40           the bonds, which must be held by the Treasurer of State and paid  
          by the Treasurer of State upon warrants drawn by the State  
42           Controller, are appropriated solely for the purposes set forth in  
          this Act. Any unencumbered balances remaining at the completion  
44           of the projects in section 6 lapse to the debt service account  
          established for the retirement of these bonds.

46           **Sec. 4. Interest and debt retirement.** The Treasurer of State  
48           shall pay interest due or accruing on any bonds issued under this  
          Act and all sums coming due for payment of bonds at maturity.

2           **Sec. 5. Disbursement of bond proceeds.** The proceeds of the  
3 bonds must be expended as set out in section 6 under the  
4 direction and supervision of the Department of Environmental  
5 Protection, the Department of Human Services and the Department  
6 of Administrative and Financial Services.

8           **Sec. 6. Allocations from General Fund bond issue; to construct and**  
9 **upgrade water pollution control facilities, to remove discharges, to**  
10 **remediate municipal solid waste landfills, to clean up tire stockpiles, to**  
11 **make drinking water system improvements and to develop municipal**  
12 **digital data layers and maps.** The proceeds of the sale of the bonds  
13 must be expended as designated in the following schedule.

14           **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF**

16	Loans to construct and upgrade water	\$2,500,000
17	pollution control facilities matched	
18	by \$12,500,000 in federal funds	
20	Grants to construct water pollution	\$5,500,000
21	control facilities and subsidize	
22	lower sewer user fees	
24	Grants to municipalities, homeowners	\$1,000,000
25	and businesses to remove overboard	
26	discharges	
28	Grants to municipalities through the	\$1,500,000
29	Small Communities Grants Program	
31	Grants to municipalities to remediate	\$1,200,000
32	solid waste landfills	
34	Clean up of tire stockpiles to protect	\$500,000
35	the public health and safety and the	
36	environment	

38           **HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

40	Grants and loans for public drinking	\$3,000,000
41	water system improvements matched by	
42	\$15,760,000 in federal funds	

44           **ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES,**  
45 **DEPARTMENT OF**



2 4. The sum of \$1,000,000 to protect public health, safety  
and the environment by providing funds to remove the replace  
4 overboard discharges;

6 5. The sum of \$500,000 to protect the public health, safety  
and the environment by providing funds for the cleanup of  
8 tire stockpiles;

10 6. The sum of \$3,000,000 to support drinking water system  
improvements that address public health threats, providing  
12 the state match for \$15,760,000 in federal funds; and

14 7. The sum of \$2,000,000 to prepare municipal digital data  
layers and maps?"

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18 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  
20 the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted,  
counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings  
22 and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as  
votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review  
24 the returns and, if a majority of the legal votes are cast in  
favor of this Act, the Governor shall proclaim the result without  
26 delay, and this Act becomes effective 30 days after the date of  
the proclamation.

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30 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.

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34 **SUMMARY**

36 The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of  
\$17,200,000, will be used for the following purposes:

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40 1. The sum of \$8,000,000 to construct and upgrade water  
pollution control facilities, providing the state match for  
\$12,500,000 in federal funds;

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44 2. The sum of \$1,200,000 to protect the State's drinking  
water resources by granting funds to cities and towns for the  
remediation of their solid waste landfills;

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48 3. The sum of \$1,500,000 to protect public health, safety  
and the environment by providing funds to remove and replace  
failing septic systems;

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2 4. The sum of \$1,000,000 to protect public health, safety  
and the environment by providing funds to remove the replace  
overboard discharges;

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6 5. The sum of \$500,000 to protect the public health, safety  
and the environment by providing funds for the cleanup of tire  
stockpiles;

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10 6. The sum of \$3,000,000 to support drinking water system  
improvements that address public health threats, providing the  
state match for \$15,750,000 in federal funds; and

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14 7. The sum of \$2,000,000 to prepare municipal digital data  
layers and maps.