

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 361

In Senate, March 4, 2003

**An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of  
\$15,000,000 for Energy Conservation in State Buildings and  
Facilities**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HALL of Lincoln.  
Cosponsored by Representative BLISS of South Portland and  
Senators: President DAGGETT of Kennebec, GAGNON of Kennebec.



2           **Sec. A-6. Allocations from General Fund bond issue.** The proceeds  
of the sale of the bonds must be expended as designated in the  
following schedule.

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6           ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES,  
DEPARTMENT OF

8           Provides funds for energy efficiency                                 \$15,000,000  
improvements at state buildings and  
10           facilities as identified by the  
Department of Administrative and  
12           Financial Services.

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

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

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

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

42             
44           "Do you favor a \$15,000,000 bond issue for energy  
conservation at state buildings and facilities?"

46           The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall  
vote by ballot on this question and designate their choice by a  
48           cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square below  
the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted,

2 counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings  
and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as  
4 votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review  
the returns and, if a majority of the legal votes are cast in  
6 favor of this Part, the Governor shall proclaim the result  
without delay, and this Part becomes effective 30 days after the  
date of the proclamation.

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10 The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each  
city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this  
12 Part necessary to carry out the purposes of this referendum.

## 14 **PART B**

16 **Sec. B-1. Transfer of funds.** Notwithstanding any other  
provision of law, the State Controller shall transfer \$250,000  
18 from the Conservation Program Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds  
account in the Public Utilities Commission to the Department of  
20 Administrative and Financial Services no later than October 3,  
2003.

## 22 **SUMMARY**

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26 The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of  
\$15,000,000, will be used for energy efficiency improvements at  
state buildings and facilities. The bill also authorizes a  
28 transfer of \$250,000 from the Conservation Program Fund to the  
Department of Administrative and Financial Services for  
30 completion of an audit of state energy consumption and  
opportunities for increased energy efficiency at state buildings  
32 and facilities.