

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the  
**LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY**  
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library  
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied  
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)



1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29  
30  
31  
32  
33  
34  
35  
36  
37

Date: 4-4-07

(Filing No. S-32 )

Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Secretary of the Senate.

**STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
123RD LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

SENATE AMENDMENT "F" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 640,  
L.D. 1796, Bill, "An Act To Authorize Bond Issues for Ratification by the Voters for the  
June and November 2007 Elections"

Amend the amendment in Part D by striking out all of section 6 and inserting the  
following:

**'Sec. D-6. Allocations from General Fund bond issue.** The proceeds of the  
sale of the bonds authorized under this Part must be expended as designated in the  
following schedule.

**DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC  
AND COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT**

**Maine Technology Institute**

Provides funds for research, development and commercialization as prioritized by  
the Office of Innovation's 2005 Science and Technology Action Plan for Maine.  
The funds must be allocated to biotechnology, aquaculture and marine  
technology, composite materials technology, environmental technology,  
advanced technologies for forestry and agriculture, information technology and  
precision manufacturing technology through a competitive process, and must  
be awarded to Maine-based public and private entities to leverage matching  
funds on at least a one-to-one basis. \$43,000,000

**SENATE AMENDMENT**

PL 019

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29  
30  
31  
32  
33  
34  
35  
36  
37  
38  
39

**Maine Biomedical Research Program**

Provides funds for biomedical research \$7,000,000  
pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes,  
Title 5, section 13103.

**FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE**

Economic Recovery Loan Program \$1,500,000

Regional Economic Development \$1,000,000  
Revolving Loan Program

Agricultural Marketing Loan Fund \$1,000,000

**MAINE RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
AUTHORITY**

Maine Rural Development Authority \$1,500,000

Amend the amendment in Part D in section 10 by striking out all of the question and inserting the following:

"Do you favor a bond issue to stimulate economic development and job creation that would provide \$5,000,000 in loans and grant funds, would provide \$7,000,000 in biomedical research funds and would provide \$43,000,000 in research, development and commercialization funds for targeted technology sectors, awarded after a competitive process administered by the Maine Technology Institute, and will leverage at least \$50,000,000 in other funds?"

Amend the amendment by inserting after Part H the following:

**PART I**

**Sec. I-1. 5 MRSA §13103, sub-§1, ¶B,** as repealed and replaced by PL 2001, c. 196, §3, is amended to read:

B. "Eligible institution" means a Maine-based private nonprofit biomedical research institution or academic medical center or medical school that, as of July 1, 2001:

- (1) Performs competitive biomedical research in on-site, wetbench biomedical research laboratories in the State, as evidenced by publications in recognized peer review journals; and

10/18

SENATE AMENDMENT "F" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 640, L.D. 1796

1 (2) Receives or expends funds in the State from federal agencies or specified  
2 grant sources for the purpose of producing peer-reviewed biomedical research in  
3 on-site, wetbench biomedical research laboratories.

4 For purposes of this paragraph, "wetbench" has the meaning generally ascribed to  
5 that term by the biomedical research community and refers to laboratories that use  
6 solutions or cell extracts and biological reagents.

7 **Sec. I-2. 5 MRSA §13103, sub-§1, ¶F**, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 196, §4, is  
8 amended to read:

9 F. "Specified grant sources" means a federal agency, a nonprofit foundation, private  
10 company or corporation, a voluntary membership organization such as the American  
11 Cancer Society, or an out-of-state educational university, ~~that, as of July 1, 2001,~~  
12 issues grants or contracts for the purpose of producing peer-reviewed biomedical  
13 research when the grantee retains complete editorial control over the content of the  
14 research performed.

15 **Sec. I-3. 5 MRSA §13103, sub-§1, ¶G**, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 196, §4, is  
16 amended to read:

17 G. "Medical school" means a state-based private nonprofit medical school ~~that, as~~  
18 ~~of July 1, 2001,~~ is authorized to grant a doctorate degree in osteopathic or allopathic  
19 medicine and is accredited by the American Osteopathic Association or its successor  
20 or the Liaison Committee on Medical Education or its successor.

21 **Sec. I-4. 5 MRSA §13104, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 196, §9, is  
22 amended to read:

- 23 **2. Board membership.** The board consists of ~~7~~ 9 members appointed as follows:
  - 24 A. Four persons, appointed by the Governor and nominated by a statewide  
25 biomedical research coalition;
  - 26 B. Two members, appointed by the Governor, who are distinguished and  
27 credentialed in the type of biomedical research that is performed by eligible  
28 institutions defined in section 13103, subsection 1; ~~and~~
  - 29 C. The commissioner or the commissioner's designee;
  - 30 D. The Director of the Office of Innovation; and
  - 31 E. One member of the Maine Technology Institute, appointed by the Maine  
32 Technology Institute.'

33 Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter  
34 or section number to read consecutively.

35 **SUMMARY**

36 This amendment decreases the funding for research and development earmarked for  
37 the Maine Technology Institute by \$7,000,000 and adds the same amount of funding for  
38 biomedical research under the Maine Biomedical Research Program pursuant to the  
39 Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 13103. The total amount of the proposed bond

**SENATE AMENDMENT**

SENATE AMENDMENT "F" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 640, L.D. 1796

**ADA**

1 for the Department of Economic and Community Development remains unchanged at  
2 \$50,000,000. The amendment also amends Title 5, section 13103 to broaden eligibility  
3 under the Maine Biomedical Research Program by striking a limiting date. The  
4 amendment also changes the membership of the Maine Biomedical Research Board by  
5 adding the Director of the Office of Innovation within the Department of Economic and  
6 Community Development to the board and adding a member of the Maine Technology  
7 Institute as a member of the board.

8 SPONSORED BY:   
9 (Senator DAMON)  
10 COUNTY: Hancock



# 123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1796

LR 2594(12)

**An Act To Authorize Bond Issues for Ratification by the Voters for the June and November 2007  
Elections**

**Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "F" to Committee Amendment "A"**

**Sponsor: Sen. Damon of Hancock**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

---

## Fiscal Note

No net fiscal impact

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment decreases bond funding for research and development designated for the Maine Technology Institute by \$7,000,000 and adds the same amount for biomedical research under the Maine Biomedical Research Program.