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

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Joy J. O'Brien'.

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President EDMONDS of Cumberland. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)  
Cosponsored by Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland.



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2	Highway and Bridge Improvements	\$100,000,000
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4	<b>General Fund</b>	
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6	Ferry and Port Improvements	\$3,475,000
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8	Airports	\$3,400,000
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10	Transit and Bus Improvements	\$5,650,000
11		
12	Pedestrian and Bicycle Trails	\$1,750,000
13		
14	Passenger and Freight Rail Improvements	\$16,825,000

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

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

22       **Sec. A-9. Bonds authorized but not issued.** Any bonds authorized but not  
23 issued, or for which bond anticipation notes are not issued within 5 years of ratification of  
24 this Part, are deauthorized and may not be issued, except that the Legislature may, within  
25 2 years after the expiration of that 5-year period, extend the period for issuing any  
26 remaining unissued bonds or bond anticipation notes for an additional amount of time not  
27 to exceed 5 years.

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

34               "Do you favor a \$131,100,000 bond issue for improvements to highways  
35 and bridges, airports, public transit facilities, ferry and port facilities  
36 including port and harbor structures and statewide bicycle and pedestrian  
37 trails that makes the State eligible for over \$244,000,000 in federal  
38 matching funds?"

39       The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question  
40 and designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square

1 below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted, counted and  
2 declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of  
3 State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall  
4 review the returns. If a majority of the legal votes are cast in favor of this Part, the  
5 Governor shall proclaim the result without delay and this Part becomes effective 30 days  
6 after the date of the proclamation.

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

10 **PART B**

11 **Sec. B-1. Authorization of bonds.** The Treasurer of State is authorized, under  
12 the direction of the Governor, to issue bonds in the name and on behalf of the State in an  
13 amount not exceeding \$20,000,000 for the purposes described in section 6 of this Part.  
14 The bonds are a pledge of the full faith and credit of the State. The bonds may not run for  
15 a period longer than 10 years from the date of the original issue of the bonds. At the  
16 discretion of the Treasurer of State, with the approval of the Governor, any issuance of  
17 bonds may contain a call feature.

18 **Sec. B-2. Records of bonds issued kept by Treasurer of State.** The  
19 Treasurer of State shall keep an account of each bond showing the number of the bond,  
20 the name of the successful bidder to whom sold, the amount received for the bond, the  
21 date of sale and the date when payable.

22 **Sec. B-3. Sale; how negotiated; proceeds appropriated.** The Treasurer of  
23 State may negotiate the sale of the bonds by direction of the Governor, but no bond may  
24 be loaned, pledged or hypothecated on behalf of the State. The proceeds of the sale of the  
25 bonds, which must be held by the Treasurer of State and paid by the Treasurer of State  
26 upon warrants drawn by the State Controller, are appropriated solely for the purposes set  
27 forth in this Part. Any unencumbered balances remaining at the completion of the project  
28 in this Part lapse to the debt service account established for the retirement of these bonds.

29 **Sec. B-4. Interest and debt retirement.** The Treasurer of State shall pay  
30 interest due or accruing on any bonds issued under this Part and all sums coming due for  
31 payment of bonds at maturity.

32 **Sec. B-5. Disbursement of bond proceeds.** The proceeds of the bonds must be  
33 expended as set out in this Part under the direction and supervision of the Department of  
34 Health and Human Services and the Department of Environmental Protection.

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

38 **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND**  
39 **HUMAN SERVICES**

1  
2 Provides funds for drinking water \$1,700,000  
3 programs in the department.

4  
5 **DEPARTMENT OF**  
6 **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

7  
8 Provides funds for wastewater treatment \$18,300,000  
9 facilities.

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

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

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

23 **Sec. B-10. Referendum for ratification; submission at election; form of**  
24 **question; effective date.** This Part must be submitted to the legal voters of the State at  
25 a statewide election held in the month of June following the passage of this Act. The  
26 municipal officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns  
27 and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election,  
28 to vote on the acceptance or rejection of this Part by voting on the following question:

29 "Do you favor a \$20,000,000 bond issue to support drinking water  
30 programs and to support the construction of wastewater treatment  
31 facilities?"

32 The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question  
33 and designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square  
34 below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted, counted and  
35 declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of  
36 State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall  
37 review the returns. If a majority of the legal votes are cast in favor of this Part, the  
38 Governor shall proclaim the result without delay and this Part becomes effective 30 days  
39 after the date of the proclamation.

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

4 **PART C**

5 **Sec. C-1. Authorization of bonds.** The Treasurer of State is authorized, under  
6 the direction of the Governor, to issue bonds in the name and on behalf of the State in an  
7 amount not exceeding \$33,000,000 for the purposes described in section 6 of this Part.  
8 The bonds are a pledge of the full faith and credit of the State. The bonds may not run for  
9 a period longer than 10 years from the date of the original issue of the bonds. At the  
10 discretion of the Treasurer of State, with the approval of the Governor, any issuance of  
11 bonds may contain a call feature.

12 **Sec. C-2. Records of bonds issued kept by Treasurer of State.** The  
13 Treasurer of State shall keep an account of each bond showing the number of the bond,  
14 the name of the successful bidder to whom sold, the amount received for the bond, the  
15 date of sale and the date when payable.

16 **Sec. C-3. Sale; how negotiated; proceeds appropriated.** The Treasurer of  
17 State may negotiate the sale of the bonds by direction of the Governor, but no bond may  
18 be loaned, pledged or hypothecated on behalf of the State. The proceeds of the sale of the  
19 bonds, which must be held by the Treasurer of State and paid by the Treasurer of State  
20 upon warrants drawn by the State Controller, are appropriated solely for the purposes set  
21 forth in this Part. Any unencumbered balances remaining at the completion of the project  
22 in this Part lapse to the debt service account established for the retirement of these bonds.

23 **Sec. C-4. Interest and debt retirement.** The Treasurer of State shall pay  
24 interest due or accruing on any bonds issued under this Part and all sums coming due for  
25 payment of bonds at maturity.

26 **Sec. C-5. Disbursement of bond proceeds.** The proceeds of the bonds must be  
27 expended as set out in this Part under the direction and supervision of the University of  
28 Maine System, Maine Maritime Academy and Maine Community College System.

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

32  
33 **UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM**

34  
35 Provides funds for building renovations \$16,500,000  
36 on campuses of the University of Maine  
37 System.

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39 **MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY**

1  
2 Provides funds for building renovations at \$2,000,000  
3 the Maine Maritime Academy campus.  
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5 **MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
6 **SYSTEM**

7  
8 Provides funds for building renovations at \$14,500,000  
9 community college campuses.

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

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

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

23 **Sec. C-10. Referendum for ratification; submission at election; form of**  
24 **question; effective date.** This Part must be submitted to the legal voters of the State at  
25 a statewide election held in the month of November following the passage of this Act.  
26 The municipal officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities,  
27 towns and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide  
28 election, to vote on the acceptance or rejection of this Part by voting on the following  
29 question:

30 "Do you favor a \$33,000,000 bond issue to make building renovations at  
31 campuses of the University of Maine System, Maine Maritime Academy  
32 and Maine Community College System?"

33 The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question  
34 and designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square  
35 below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted, counted and  
36 declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of  
37 State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall  
38 review the returns. If a majority of the legal votes are cast in favor of this Part, the  
39 Governor shall proclaim the result without delay and this Part becomes effective 30 days  
40 after the date of the proclamation.



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

4 **PART D**

5 **Sec. D-1. Authorization of bonds.** The Treasurer of State is authorized, under  
6 the direction of the Governor, to issue bonds in the name and on behalf of the State in an  
7 amount not exceeding \$5,000,000 for the purposes described in section 6 of this Part.  
8 The bonds are a pledge of the full faith and credit of the State. The bonds may not run for  
9 a period longer than 10 years from the date of the original issue of the bonds. At the  
10 discretion of the Treasurer of State, with the approval of the Governor, any issuance of  
11 bonds may contain a call feature.

12 **Sec. D-2. Records of bonds issued kept by Treasurer of State.** The  
13 Treasurer of State shall keep an account of each bond showing the number of the bond,  
14 the name of the successful bidder to whom sold, the amount received for the bond, the  
15 date of sale and the date when payable.

16 **Sec. D-3. Sale; how negotiated; proceeds appropriated.** The Treasurer of  
17 State may negotiate the sale of the bonds by direction of the Governor, but no bond may  
18 be loaned, pledged or hypothecated on behalf of the State. The proceeds of the sale of the  
19 bonds, which must be held by the Treasurer of State and paid by the Treasurer of State  
20 upon warrants drawn by the State Controller, are appropriated solely for the purposes set  
21 forth in this Part. Any unencumbered balances remaining at the completion of the project  
22 in this Part lapse to the debt service account established for the retirement of these bonds.

23 **Sec. D-4. Interest and debt retirement.** The Treasurer of State shall pay  
24 interest due or accruing on any bonds issued under this Part and all sums coming due for  
25 payment of bonds at maturity.

26 **Sec. D-5. Disbursement of bond proceeds.** The proceeds of the bonds must be  
27 expended as set out in this Part under the direction and supervision of the Maine  
28 Municipal Bond Bank.

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

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33 <b>SCHOOL REVOLVING</b>	
34 <b>RENOVATION FUND</b>	
35	
36 Provides funds for school administrative	\$5,000,000
37 units for school repair and renovation.	





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2	Economic Recovery Loan Program	\$1,000,000
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4	Regional Economic Development	\$1,000,000
5	Revolving Loan Program	
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7	Child care facility loan and grant program	\$2,000,000
8		
9	<b>MAINE RURAL DEVELOPMENT</b>	
10	<b>AUTHORITY</b>	
11		
12	Maine Rural Development Authority	\$2,000,000

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

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

20       **Sec. E-9. Bonds authorized but not issued.** Any bonds authorized but not  
21 issued, or for which bond anticipation notes are not issued within 5 years of ratification of  
22 this Part, are deauthorized and may not be issued, except that the Legislature may, within  
23 2 years after the expiration of that 5-year period, extend the period for issuing any  
24 remaining unissued bonds or bond anticipation notes for an additional amount of time not  
25 to exceed 5 years.

26       **Sec. E-10. Referendum for ratification; submission at election; form of**  
27 **question; effective date.** This Part must be submitted to the legal voters of the State at  
28 a statewide election held in the month of November following the passage of this Act.  
29 The municipal officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities,  
30 towns and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide  
31 election, to vote on the acceptance or rejection of this Part by voting on the following  
32 question:

33               "Do you favor a bond issue for economic development and private sector  
34 job creation that would provide \$125,000,000 in research and  
35 development funds, awarded after a competitive process administered by  
36 the Maine Technology Institute and \$6,000,000 in loan and grant funds  
37 for economic development and to expand access to high-quality child  
38 care?"

39       The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question  
40 and designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square

1 below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted, counted and  
2 declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of  
3 State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall  
4 review the returns. If a majority of the legal votes are cast in favor of this Part, the  
5 Governor shall proclaim the result without delay and this Part becomes effective 30 days  
6 after the date of the proclamation.

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

10 **PART F**

11 **Sec. F-1. Authorization of bonds.** The Treasurer of State is authorized, under  
12 the direction of the Governor, to issue bonds in the name and on behalf of the State in an  
13 amount not exceeding \$40,000,000 for the purposes described in section 5 of this Part and  
14 to access \$22,500,000 in matching contributions from public and private sources. The  
15 bonds are a pledge of the full faith and credit of the State. The bonds may not run for a  
16 period longer than 10 years from the date of the original issue of the bonds. At the  
17 discretion of the Treasurer of State, with the approval of the Governor, any issuance of  
18 bonds may contain a call feature.

19 **Sec. F-2. Records of bonds issued kept by Treasurer of State.** The  
20 Treasurer of State shall keep an account of each bond showing the number of the bond,  
21 the name of the successful bidder to whom sold, the amount received for the bond, the  
22 date of sale and the date when payable.

23 **Sec. F-3. Sale; how negotiated; proceeds appropriated.** The Treasurer of  
24 State may negotiate the sale of the bonds by direction of the Governor, but no bond may  
25 be loaned, pledged or hypothecated on behalf of the State. The proceeds of the sale of the  
26 bonds, which must be held by the Treasurer of State and paid by the Treasurer of State  
27 upon warrants drawn by the State Controller, are appropriated solely for the purposes set  
28 forth in this Part. Any unencumbered balances remaining at the completion of the project  
29 in this Part lapse to the debt service account established for the retirement of these bonds.

30 **Sec. F-4. Interest and debt retirement.** The Treasurer of State shall pay  
31 interest due or accruing on any bonds issued under this Part and all sums coming due for  
32 payment of bonds at maturity.

33 **Sec. F-5. Disbursement of bond proceeds; purposes.** The proceeds of the  
34 bonds must be expended as set out in this Part under the direction and supervision of the  
35 Executive Department, Land for Maine's Future Board. The proceeds of the bonds must  
36 be expended for acquisition of land and interest in land for conservation, water access,  
37 outdoor recreation, wildlife and fish habitat, farmland preservation in accordance with the  
38 provisions for such acquisitions under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 353  
39 and working waterfront preservation in accordance with the terms of this Part, including  
40 all costs associated with such acquisitions, except that use of the proceeds of these bonds  
41 is subject to the following conditions and requirements.

1           1. Hunting, fishing, trapping and public access may not be prohibited on land  
2 acquired with bond proceeds, except to the extent of applicable state, local or federal laws  
3 and regulations and except for working waterfront projects and farmland protection  
4 projects.

5           2. Payment from bond proceeds for acquisitions of local or regional significance, as  
6 determined by the Land for Maine's Future Board, may be made directly to cooperating  
7 entities as defined in Title 5, section 6201, subsection 2 for acquisition of land and  
8 interest in land by cooperating entities, subject to terms and conditions enforceable by the  
9 State to ensure its use for the purposes of this Part. In addition to the considerations  
10 required under Title 5, chapter 353, the board shall give a preference to acquisitions under  
11 this subsection that achieve benefits for multiple towns and that address regional  
12 conservation needs including public recreational access, wildlife, open space and  
13 farmland.

14           3. The bond funds expended for conservation, recreation, farmland and water access  
15 must be matched with at least \$17,500,000 in public and private contributions. Seventy  
16 percent of that amount must be in the form of cash or other tangible assets, including the  
17 value of land and real property interest acquired by or contributed to cooperating entities  
18 when property interests have a direct relationship to the property proposed for protection,  
19 as determined by the Land for Maine's Future Board. The remaining 30% may be  
20 matching contributions and may include the value of project-related, in-kind  
21 contributions of goods and services to and by cooperating entities as defined in Title 5,  
22 section 6201, subsection 2.

23           4. Of the bond proceeds allocated to the Land for Maine's Future Board, \$3,500,000  
24 must be made available to acquire public access to water in accordance with Title 5,  
25 section 6203-A.

26           5. Of the bond proceeds allocated to the Land for Maine's Future Board, \$3,500,000  
27 must be made available to protect farmland in accordance with Title 5, section 6207.

28           6. Of the bond proceeds allocated to the Land for Maine's Future Board, \$5,000,000  
29 must be made available to protect working waterfront properties in accordance with  
30 Public Law 2005, chapter 462, Part B, section 6.

31           7. To the extent the purposes are consistent with the disbursement provisions in this  
32 Part, 100% of the bond proceeds may be considered as state match for any federal  
33 funding to be made available to the State.

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

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38           **EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

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40           **State Planning Office**

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**Land for Maine's Future Board**

Provides for the use of bond proceeds to \$40,000,000  
be used for the acquisition of land and  
interest in land for conservation, water  
access, outdoor recreation, wildlife and  
fish habitat, farmland preservation and  
working waterfront preservation.

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

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

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

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

"Do you favor a \$40,000,000 bond issue to purchase land and conservation easements statewide from willing sellers for conservation, water access, wildlife and fish habitat, outdoor recreation, including hunting and fishing, farmland preservation and working waterfront preservation to be matched by at least \$22,500,000 in private and public contributions?"

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 the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review the returns. If a majority of the legal votes are cast in favor of this Part, the

1 Governor shall proclaim the result without delay and this Part becomes effective 30 days  
2 after the date of the proclamation.

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

6 **PART G**

7 **Sec. G-1. Authorization of bonds.** The Treasurer of State is authorized, under  
8 the direction of the Governor, to issue bonds in the name and on behalf of the State in an  
9 amount not exceeding \$17,355,000 for the purposes described in section 6 of this Part.  
10 The bonds are a pledge of the full faith and credit of the State. The bonds may not run for  
11 a period longer than 10 years from the date of the original issue of the bonds. At the  
12 discretion of the Treasurer of State, with the approval of the Governor, any issuance of  
13 bonds may contain a call feature.

14 **Sec. G-2. Records of bonds issued kept by Treasurer of State.** The  
15 Treasurer of State shall keep an account of each bond showing the number of the bond,  
16 the name of the successful bidder to whom sold, the amount received for the bond, the  
17 date of sale and the date when payable.

18 **Sec. G-3. Sale; how negotiated; proceeds appropriated.** The Treasurer of  
19 State may negotiate the sale of the bonds by direction of the Governor, but no bond may  
20 be loaned, pledged or hypothecated on behalf of the State. The proceeds of the sale of the  
21 bonds, which must be held by the Treasurer of State and paid by the Treasurer of State  
22 upon warrants drawn by the State Controller, are appropriated solely for the purposes set  
23 forth in this Part. Any unencumbered balances remaining at the completion of the project  
24 in this Part lapse to the debt service account established for the retirement of these bonds.

25 **Sec. G-4. Interest and debt retirement.** The Treasurer of State shall pay  
26 interest due or accruing on any bonds issued under this Part and all sums coming due for  
27 payment of bonds at maturity.

28 **Sec. G-5. Disbursement of bond proceeds.** The proceeds of the bonds must be  
29 expended as set out in this Part under the direction and supervision of the Department of  
30 Environmental Protection and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

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

34  
35 **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,**  
36 **FOOD AND RURAL RESOURCES**

37  
38 **Agricultural water source development**  
39 **grant program**



1		
2	Provides funds to assist farmers in the	\$1,000,000
3	development of environmentally sound	
4	water sources to manage weather-related	
5	risk and to comply with in-stream flow	
6	rules.	
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8	<b>DEPARTMENT OF INLAND</b>	
9	<b>FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE</b>	
10		
11	<b>Dam repair</b>	
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13	Provides funds for major rehabilitation of	\$500,000
14	6 dams with inspection and potential	
15	rehabilitation of additional 50 dams.	
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17	<b>Hatchery rehabilitation</b>	
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19	Provides funds for upgrades to fish	\$2,000,000
20	hatcheries to meet water quality	
21	requirements.	
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23	<b>DEPARTMENT OF</b>	
24	<b>ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION</b>	
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26	<b>Small community grants</b>	
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28	Provides funds to fund the small	\$1,000,000
29	community grant program, which	
30	provides grants to rural communities to	
31	solve pollution problems.	
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33	<b>Overboard discharge</b>	
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35	Provides funds to fund the overboard	\$1,000,000
36	discharge removal program, which	
37	provides grants to municipalities and	
38	individuals to eliminate licensed	
39	overboard discharges to shellfish areas,	
40	great ponds and drainage areas of less	
41	than 10 square miles.	
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43	<b>Uncontrolled hazardous waste</b>	

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2	Provides funds to investigate and clean up	\$7,920,000
3	uncontrolled hazardous substance	
4	contamination at sites posing	
5	unacceptable threats to public health and	
6	water quality.	
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8	<b>Municipal landfills</b>	
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10	Provides funds to identify and address	\$1,685,000
11	pollution problems at closed landfills	
12	under a statutory mandate to monitor and	
13	inspect closed municipal facilities. Bonds	
14	will repay municipalities that conducted	
15	remedial actions such as waterline	
16	extensions or landfill gas collection to	
17	protect nearby residential property.	
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19	<b>Industrial landfills</b>	
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21	Provides funds to address public health	\$800,000
22	and environmental threats by preventing	
23	pollution from abandoned landfills left	
24	behind by corporations that went	
25	bankrupt.	
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27	<b>Air quality monitoring</b>	
28		
29	Provides funds to replace aging or	\$450,000
30	obsolete equipment used to monitor air	
31	quality for public health concerns. The	
32	State can no longer rely on federal	
33	funding to support this effort.	
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35	<b>FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE</b>	
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37	<b>Agricultural Marketing Loan Fund</b>	
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39	Provides low-interest loans to beginning	\$1,000,000
40	and established farmers who may not be	
41	able to obtain credit from traditional	
42	sources because either they do not have	
43	adequate collateral or the project is new	
44	and does not meet traditional financing.	



1 discretion of the Treasurer of State, with the approval of the Governor, any issuance of  
2 bonds may contain a call feature.

3 **Sec. H-2. Records of bonds issued kept by Treasurer of State.** The  
4 Treasurer of State shall keep an account of each bond showing the number of the bond,  
5 the name of the successful bidder to whom sold, the amount received for the bond, the  
6 date of sale and the date when payable.

7 **Sec. H-3. Sale; how negotiated; proceeds appropriated.** The Treasurer of  
8 State may negotiate the sale of the bonds by direction of the Governor, but no bond may  
9 be loaned, pledged or hypothecated on behalf of the State. The proceeds of the sale of the  
10 bonds, which must be held by the Treasurer of State and paid by the Treasurer of State  
11 upon warrants drawn by the State Controller, are appropriated solely for the purposes set  
12 forth in this Part. Any unencumbered balances remaining at the completion of the project  
13 in this Part lapse to the debt service account established for the retirement of these bonds.

14 **Sec. H-4. Interest and debt retirement.** The Treasurer of State shall pay  
15 interest due or accruing on any bonds issued under this Part and all sums coming due for  
16 payment of bonds at maturity.

17 **Sec. H-5. Disbursement of bond proceeds.** The proceeds of the bonds must be  
18 expended as set out in this Part under the direction and supervision of the Department of  
19 Conservation, the Department of Economic and Community Development and the Maine  
20 State Cultural Affairs Council.

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

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25 **DEPARTMENT OF**  
26 **CONSERVATION**

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28 **Bureau of Parks and Lands**

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30 Provides funds to make necessary capital \$10,000,000  
31 improvements in the State's parks and  
32 historic sites.

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34 **DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC**  
35 **AND COMMUNITY**  
36 **DEVELOPMENT**

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38 Provides funds to make investments in \$5,000,000  
39 river-based community and economic  
40 revitalization projects.

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**MAINE STATE CULTURAL  
AFFAIRS COUNCIL**

Provides funds to the New Century Community Program to revitalize downtown areas, support cultural tourism, increase access to digital resources and expand the creative economy of the State. \$5,000,000

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

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

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

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

"Do you favor a \$20,000,000 bond issue for investment in the State's cultural and recreational infrastructure including state parks, historic sites and riverfront recreational, tourism and community facilities and to support downtown revitalization and expansion of cultural tourism and Maine's creative economy?"

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 the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review the returns. If a majority of the legal votes are cast in favor of this Part, the

1 Governor shall proclaim the result without delay and this Part becomes effective 30 days  
2 after the date of the proclamation.

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

6 **SUMMARY**

7 **PART A**

8 Part A authorizes a \$131,100,000 bond issue for improvements to highways and  
9 bridges, airports, public transit facilities, ferry and port facilities including port and  
10 harbor structures and statewide bicycle and pedestrian trails. Part A requires a June  
11 referendum.

12 **PART B**

13 Part B authorizes a bond issue in the amount of \$20,000,000 for grants and low-  
14 interest loans to support construction of wastewater treatment facilities and to support  
15 improvements to Maine's public water systems. Part B requires a June referendum.

16 **PART C**

17 Part C authorizes a \$33,000,000 bond issue to make building renovations at campuses  
18 of the University of Maine System, Maine Community College System and Maine  
19 Maritime Academy.

20 **PART D**

21 Part D authorizes a bond issue in the amount of \$5,000,000 to replenish the School  
22 Revolving Renovation Fund for school repair and renovation.

23 **PART E**

24 Part E authorizes a bond issue for \$125,000,000 in research and development funds  
25 and \$6,000,000 in loan and grant funds for economic development and to expand access  
26 to high-quality child care.

27 **PART F**

28 Part F authorizes a bond issue to recapitalize the Land for Maine's Future program  
29 with \$35,000,000 to continue the State's land conservation efforts and \$5,000,000 to  
30 support the working waterfront program, to be matched by at least \$22,500,000 in private  
31 and public contributions.

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PART G

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Part G authorizes a \$17,355,000 bond issue for natural resource and environmental quality investments in farm irrigation, agricultural business loans, fish hatcheries, dam safety and pollution control and monitoring measures to protect water quality and public health.

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PART H

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Part H authorizes a \$20,000,000 bond issue for investment in the State's cultural and recreational infrastructure including state parks, historic sites and riverfront recreational, tourism and community facilities and to support downtown revitalization and expansion of cultural tourism and Maine's creative economy.

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