

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 226

In Senate, February 21, 2013

**An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support Public
Higher Educational Facilities**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CAIN of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative TIPPING-SPITZ of Orono and
Senators: President ALFOND of Cumberland, MILLETT of Cumberland, YOUNGBLOOD of
Penobscot, Representatives: CAREY of Lewiston, FREY of Bangor, McCABE of Skowhegan,
NELSON of Falmouth, ROTUNDO of Lewiston.

1 Provides funds to renovate, make health and safety repairs and ensure compliance
2 with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended.

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4 Total \$30,000,000

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6 **MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY**

7 Provides funds to renovate, make health and safety repairs and ensure compliance
8 with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended.

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10 Total \$10,000,000

11 **Sec. 6. Contingent upon ratification of bond issue.** Sections 1 to 5 do not
12 become effective unless the people of the State ratify the issuance of the bonds as set
13 forth in this Act.

14 **Sec. 7. Appropriation balances at year-end.** At the end of each fiscal year, all
15 unencumbered appropriation balances representing state money carry forward. Bond
16 proceeds that have not been expended within 10 years after the date of the sale of the
17 bonds lapse to the Office of the Treasurer of State to be used for the retirement of general
18 obligation bonds.

19 **Sec. 8. Bonds authorized but not issued.** Any bonds authorized but not issued
20 within 5 years of ratification of this Act are deauthorized and may not be issued, except
21 that the Legislature may, within 2 years after the expiration of that 5-year period, extend
22 the period for issuing any remaining unissued bonds for an additional amount of time not
23 to exceed 5 years.

24 **Sec. 9. Referendum for ratification; submission at election; form of**
25 **question; effective date.** This Act must be submitted to the legal voters of the State at
26 a statewide election held in the month of November following passage of this Act. The
27 municipal officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns
28 and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election,
29 to vote on the acceptance or rejection of this Act by voting on the following question:

30 "Do you favor a \$100,000,000 bond issue to provide funds to renovate,
31 make health and safety repairs and ensure compliance with the federal
32 Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, to the University
33 of Maine System, the Maine Community College System and the Maine
34 Maritime Academy?"

35 The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question
36 and designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square
37 below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted, counted and
38 declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of

1 State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall
2 review the returns. If a majority of the legal votes are cast in favor of this Act, the
3 Governor shall proclaim the result without delay and this Act becomes effective 30 days
4 after the date of the proclamation.

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

8 **SUMMARY**

9 The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$100,000,000, will be used
10 to provide funds to renovate, make health and safety repairs and ensure compliance with
11 the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, to the University of
12 Maine System, the Maine Community College System and the Maine Maritime
13 Academy.