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L.D. 2134
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APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
129TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "C" to H.P. 1524, L.D. 2134, Bill, "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Infrastructure To Improve Transportation and Internet Connections"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Infrastructure To Improve Transportation'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. Authorization of bonds. The Treasurer of State is authorized, under the direction of the Governor, to issue bonds in the name and on behalf of the State in an amount not exceeding \$90,000,000 for the purposes described in section 5 of this Act. The bonds are a pledge of the full faith and credit of the State. The bonds may not run for a period longer than 10 years from the date of the original issue of the bonds.

Sec. 2. Records of bonds issued; Treasurer of State. The Treasurer of State shall ensure that an account of each bond is kept showing 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 date when payable.

Sec. 3. Sale; how negotiated; proceeds appropriated. The Treasurer of State may negotiate the sale of the bonds by direction of the Governor, but no bond may be loaned, pledged or hypothecated on behalf of the State. The proceeds of the sale of the bonds, which must be held by the Treasurer of State and paid by the Treasurer of State upon warrants drawn by the State Controller, are appropriated solely for the purposes set forth in this Act. Any unencumbered balances remaining at the completion of the project in this Act lapse to the Office of the Treasurer of State to be used for the retirement of general obligation bonds.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

H. 918.

1 **Sec. 5. Disbursement of bond proceeds from General Fund bond issue.**
2 The proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized under this Act must be expended as
3 designated in the following schedule under the direction and supervision of the agencies
4 and entities set forth in this section.

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6 **TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT**
7 **OF**

8 Provides funds to improve highways and bridges statewide, including the Madawaska
9 International Bridge replacement project and associated utility relocation costs, and
10 for the department's municipal partnership initiative and associated activities.

11 Total \$90,000,000

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

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

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

25 **Sec. 9. Referendum for ratification; submission at election; form of**
26 **question; effective date.** This Act must be submitted to the legal voters of the State at
27 a statewide election held in November 2020. The municipal officers of this State shall
28 notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the
29 manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election, to vote on the acceptance or
30 rejection of this Act by voting on the following question:

31 "Do you favor a \$90,000,000 bond issue for improvement of highways
32 and bridges statewide to be used to match an estimated \$275,000,000 in
33 federal and other funds?"

34 The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question
35 and designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square
36 below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted, counted and
37 declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of
38 State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall
39 review the returns. If a majority of the legal votes are cast in favor of this Act, the

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

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 purposes of this referendum.'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment eliminates from the bill the proposed \$15,000,000 bond issue for multimodal facilities or equipment related to transit, freight and passenger railroads, aviation, ports, harbors, marine transportation and active transportation projects and eliminates the proposed \$15,000,000 bond issue to invest in high-speed internet infrastructure.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 2134

LR 3225(04)

An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Infrastructure To Improve Transportation and Internet Connections

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "C" (H-771)
Committee: Appropriations and Financial Affairs
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Bond Issues	Term (years)	Principal	Rate (%)	Interest	Total Cost
General Fund - Non-Taxable	10	\$90,000,000	3.75%	\$18,562,500	\$108,562,500

Referendum Costs	Month/Year	Election Type	Question	Length
	Nov-20	General	Bond Issue	Standard

The Secretary of State's budget includes sufficient funds to accommodate one ballot of average length for the general election in November. If the number or size of the referendum questions requires production and delivery of a second ballot, an additional appropriation of \$266,000 may be required.