

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY - SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, March 29, 1935.

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Hill of South Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-FIVE

**AN ACT to Provide for the Issuance of State of Maine Improvement
Bonds and the Allocation of the Proceeds From Sale.**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the resolve set forth in chapter 223 of the resolves of the 86th legislature, proposing an amendment to the constitution of this state to provide for a bond issue the proceeds of which to be disbursed for the construction, improvement and equipment of state buildings, was favorably voted upon by the people and proclaimed by the governor, and the amendment therein set forth became a part of the constitution, and

Whereas, the authorization for the issuance of said bonds was provided by chapter 113 of the private and special laws of 1933, and the expenditures were allocated under the provisions of chapter 107 of the private and special laws of 1933, and

Whereas, conditions have changed materially so that certain allocations provided in the law of 1933 are no longer required and certain institutions require additional allocations because of extreme overcrowding of patients, and

Whereas, this overcrowding is a serious menace in the control, treatment and health of the inmates of these institutions, and

Whereas, in the opinion of the legislature these facts render an immediate passage of this act necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health

and safety and constitute an emergency within the meaning of section 16 of Article XXXI of the constitution of the state of Maine; now, therefore

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

P. & S. L., 1933, c. c. 107, 113, repealed. Chapters 107 and 113 of the private and special laws of 1933 are hereby repealed, and the following enacted in place thereof:

‘Sec. 1. Issue of bonds for construction and improvement of state owned property. The treasurer of state is hereby authorized, under the direction of the governor and council, to issue from time to time serial coupon bonds in the name and behalf of the state to an amount not exceeding \$2,000,000, at any one time outstanding, payable serially at the state treasury within 20 years from date of issue, at a rate of interest not exceeding 5% per year, interest payable semi-annually, and signed by the treasurer of state, countersigned by the governor and attested by the state auditor, with the seal of the state affixed. After 5 years after issue, these bonds shall be redeemable by the state on any interest date in such amounts as may be determined by the governor and council at 101 and accrued interest. The coupons attached to said bonds shall bear the facsimile of the signature of the treasurer of state instead of his original signature; and such bonds and coupons shall be of such denominations and form and upon such terms and conditions not inconsistent herewith as the governor and council shall direct. Said bonds, together with the proceeds thereof, shall be designated as State of Maine Improvement Bonds for the construction and improvement of state owned property, and shall be deemed a pledge of the faith and credit of the state, and when paid at maturity, or otherwise retired, shall not be reissued.

Sec. 2. Records of bonds issued to be kept by state auditor and treasurer. The state auditor shall keep an account of such bonds, showing the number and amount of each, the date of countersigning, the date when payable and the date of delivery thereof to the treasurer of state, who shall keep an account of each bond, showing the number thereof, the name of the person to whom sold, the amount received for the same, the date of sale and the date when payable.

Sec. 3. Sale how negotiated; \$2,000,000 appropriated for construction and improvement of state owned property. The treasurer of state may negotiate the sale of such bonds by direction of the governor and council, but no such bond shall be loaned, pledged or hypothecated in behalf of the

state. The proceeds of the sales of such bonds, which shall be held by the treasurer of state and paid by him upon warrants drawn by the governor and council, are hereby appropriated to be used solely for the construction of state buildings and equipment for same, or remodeling or extension of any plant which is part of state owned property. The proceeds of said bonds may be expended during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1935, and the fiscal year ending June 30, 1936, but any balance unexpended shall not lapse but shall be carried forward to the same account to be used only for the construction and improvement of state owned property.

Sec. 4. Proceeds of bonds not available for other purposes; must be kept separate from other funds; accruing interest on deposits applied to pay interest on bonds. The proceeds of all bonds issued under the authority of this act for such construction and improvement of state owned property shall at all times be kept distinct from other moneys of the state, and shall not be drawn upon or be available for any other purpose. So much of the same as from time to time may not be needed for current expenditures shall be placed at interest, and the income derived therefrom shall be devoted to the payment of accruing interest on said bonds, and the treasurer of state shall include in his annual report a statement of all moneys so placed at interest, and of all interest collected and disbursed as herein provided.

Sec. 5. The governor and council directed to contract for building program. The governor and council are hereby empowered and directed to contract for, or authorize and direct the proper state official to contract for, the construction and equipment of the later enumerated projects, the same to be paid for from any available funds.

Sec. 6. Definition of available funds. As used in the preceding section, "available funds" shall mean funds derived from a bond issue authorized for that purpose; funds from moneys or credits received from the federal government; funds available from any surpluses in the state treasury from and above the operating expenses of the state for that fiscal year; funds from any direct appropriation by the legislature for any specific purpose covered by this act.

Sec. 7. Governor and council authorized to make transfers. In the event that available funds are insufficient to carry out the total provisions for construction and equipment of projects as hereinafter provided, or if the governor and council determine any of the enumerated projects are unnecessary, or that the amounts designated for any project be in excess

of the actual requirements for construction and equipment, then the governor and council are hereby authorized to eliminate projects sufficient to reduce the total expenditures to within the total available funds, or to transfer or allocate any additional funds made available by eliminated projects or unobligated savings on estimates, to any other enumerated project they deem necessary.

Sec. 8. Projects authorized. The projects listed below with their estimated costs are hereby declared to be the enumerated projects referred to above and shall be started in the order in which they are named.

Pownal State School

2 Dormitory buildings	\$310,000.00
School building	60,000.00
Addition to nurses' home	40,000.00
Addition to laundry	20,000.00
Cottages	18,000.00
Replacement and additions to central heating plant	17,000.00

Augusta State Hospital

Buildings for patients and other institutional buildings ..	350,000.00
Replacement and additions to central heating plant and individual building, heating and ventilation systems...	150,000.00

Bangor State Hospital

Nurses' home	102,500.00
Wing for female patients	240,000.00
Replacement and additions to central heating plant	41,500.00

State School for Girls

Dormitory and infirmary building	100,000.00
Central heating plant or remodeling of heating system...	45,000.00

Western Maine Sanatorium

Dormitory buildings—employees	60,000.00
Dairy building	12,000.00

Central Maine Sanatorium

Addition to nurses' home	50,000.00
Central heating plant and ramp	46,000.00

State Reformatory for Women

Maternity hospital building	100,000.00
Central heating plant and laundry	65,000.00

Northern Maine Sanatorium

Central steam plant and laundry	67,500.00
Employees dormitory	4,838.00
Doctor's cottage	3,588.00

State School for Boys

Replacement and additions to heating system; new laundry building	66,500.00
Renewal or replacement of farm buildings	10,000.00

Maine State Prison

Steel cell block	20,000.00
Dormitory	10,000.00
Farm barracks	10,000.00

Dept. of the Adjutant General

Acquisition and construction of a class "B" range for military purposes	23,000.00
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Library

Addition to State House or Library building	489,000.00'
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Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble this act shall take effect when approved.