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Presented by Mr. Maynard of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Authorize Construction and Installation of Certain Capital Improvements at the State Teachers' Colleges and the Fort Kent State Normal School.

Preamble. Two-thirds of both houses of the Legislature deeming it necessary in accordance with Section 14 of Article IX of the Constitution:

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

Sec. 1. State Board of Education authorized to construct and install certain capital improvements at the State Teachers' Colleges and the Fort Kent State Normal School. The State Board of Education is hereby authorized to construct or install:

I. A multi-purpose building at the Aroostook State Teachers' College at an estimated cost of \$468,631;

II. A home economics-science laboratory building at Farmington State Teachers' College at an estimated cost of \$840,000;

III. Sprinkler systems in the 3 dormitories at Farmington State Teachers' College at an estimated cost of \$30,000;

IV. An education and administration building at the Fort Kent State Normal School at an estimated cost of \$356,195;

V. Classroom and library wings to complete the laboratory-classroom-library building at Gorham State Teachers' College at an estimated cost of \$1,007,848;

VI. A physical education and athletics field at Gorham State Teachers' College at an estimated cost of \$32,750;

VII. A classroom, library and auditorium building at Washington State Teachers' College at an estimated cost of \$405,000;

VIII. A physical education and athletics field at Washington State Teachers' College at an estimated cost of \$20,770; and

IX. A sprinkler system in Kimball Hall dormitory at Washington State Teachers' College at an estimated cost of \$11,000.

The cost of said capital improvements shall be taken and appropriated from the proceeds of bonds issued under authority of this act.

Sec. 2. Treasurer of State to issue bonds. 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 in behalf of the State to an amount not exceeding \$3,172,194 for the purpose of raising funds for the construction and installation of said capital improvements, as provided in this act.

Referendum for ratification. The aldermen of cities, the selectmen of towns and the assessors of the several plantations of this State are hereby empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet in the manner prescribed by law for calling and holding biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the election of Senators and Representatives, at the next general or special state-wide election to give in their votes upon the acceptance or rejection of the foregoing act, and the question shall be: "Shall 'An Act to Authorize Construction and Installation of Certain Capital Improvements at the State Teachers' Colleges and the Fort Kent State Normal School,' passed by the 98th Legislature, be accepted?"

And the inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed within a square upon their ballots their opinion of the same, those in favor of said ratification voting "Yes" and those opposed to said ratification voting "No" and the ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings, and return made to the office of the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for Governor and Members of the Legislature, and the Governor and Council shall count the same and if it shall appear that a majority of the inhabitants voting on the question are in favor of the act, the Governor shall forthwith make known the fact by his proclamation, and the act shall become effective in 30 days after the date of said proclamation.

Secretary of State shall prepare ballots. The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to the several cities, towns and plantations ballots and blank returns in conformity with the foregoing act, accompanied by a copy thereof.

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