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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

One Hundred and Fifth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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PROCLAMATIONS

by

Governor Kenneth M. Curtis

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## STATE OF MAINE

## PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Pledging Credit of State for loans of Maine School Building Authority.

WHEREAS, the One Hundred and Fourth Legislature of the State of Maine by a Resolve passed by a concurrent vote of both branches and approved June 12, 1969, proposed to the electors of said State the following amendment to the Constitution, to wit:

The first sentence of Section 14 of Article IX of the Constitution, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

'The credit of the State shall not be directly or indirectly loaned in any case, except as provided in section 14-A, 14-B and 14-C.'

Article IX of the Constitution is amended by adding a new section 14-C, to read as follows:

'Section 14-C. Insuring payment of Maine School Building Authority bonds by Legislative Act. In order to encourage and assist in the provision and construction of public school buildings in the State, the Legislature by proper enactment may insure the payment of revenue bonds of the Maine School Building Authority on school projects within the State not exceeding in the aggregate twenty-five million dollars in amount at any one time and may also appropriate moneys and authorize the issuance of bonds on behalf of the State at such times and in such amounts as it may determine to make payments insured as aforesaid.'

WHEREAS, it appears by the return of votes given in by the electors of the various cities, towns and plantations voting upon said amendment as directed in the aforementioned Resolve at the Special Election on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November, being the fourth day of November, 1969, and reviewed by the Governor and Council on the seventeenth day of November, 1969, that a majority of said votes were in favor of this amendment; namely,

70,639 for, and  
64,594 opposed;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kenneth M. Curtis, Governor of the State of Maine, do proclaim the Constitution of the State of Maine amended as proposed and in accordance with the provisions of this said Resolve, the amendment shall hereupon, as of the date of this proclamation, become a part of the Constitution.

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine this seventeenth day of November, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Ninety-fourth.

KENNETH M. CURTIS,  
Governor

By the Governor:

JOSEPH T. EDGAR  
Secretary of State

STATE OF MAINE  
**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR**

Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide for Municipal Home Rule.

WHEREAS, the One Hundred and Fourth Legislature of the State of Maine by a Resolve passed by a concurrent vote of both branches and approved June 12, 1969, proposed to the electors of said State the following amendment to the Constitution, to wit:

The Constitution is amended by adding a new Article VIII-A, to read as follows:

‘ARTICLE VIII-A.  
 Municipal Home Rules.

Section 1. The inhabitants of any municipality shall have the power to alter and amend their charters on all matters, not prohibited by Constitution or general law, which are local and municipal in character.

The Legislature shall prescribe the procedure by which the municipality may so act.’

WHEREAS, it appears by the return of votes given in by the electors of the various cities, towns and plantations voting upon said amendment as directed in the aforementioned Resolve at the Special Election on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November, being the fourth day of November, 1969, and reviewed by the Governor and Council on the seventeenth day of November, 1969, that a majority of said votes were in favor of this amendment; namely,

76,405 for, and  
 56,209 opposed;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kenneth M. Curtis, Governor of the State of Maine, do proclaim the Constitution of the State of Maine amended as proposed and in accordance with the provisions of this said Resolve, the amendment shall hereupon, as of the date of this proclamation, become a part of the Constitution.

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine this seventeenth day of November, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Ninety-fourth.

KENNETH M. CURTIS,  
 Governor

By the Governor:  
 JOSEPH T. EDGAR  
 Secretary of State

## STATE OF MAINE

## PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Regulating the Size of the State Senate.

WHEREAS, the One Hundred and Fourth Legislature of the State of Maine by a Resolve passed by a concurrent vote of both branches and approved June 9, 1969, proposed to the electors of said State the following amendment to the Constitution, to wit:

Section 1 of Part Second of Article IV of the Constitution, as repealed and replaced by Article CIII, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Section 1. Number of Senators. The Senate shall consist of an odd number of Senators, not less than thirty-one nor more than thirty-five, elected at the same time and for the same term as Representatives by the qualified electors of the districts into which the State shall be from time to time divided.'

Section 2 of Part Second of Article IV of the Constitution, as enacted by Article CIII, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Section 2. Division. The Legislature which shall convene after the adoption of this amendment shall cause the State to be divided into districts for the choice of a Senator from each district. The Legislature every tenth year thereafter shall do likewise. The number of Senators to constitute the Senate shall be divided into the number of inhabitants of the State to determine a median population figure for each Senatorial District. Each Senatorial District shall have equal population as nearly as practicable. The number of inhabitants of the State shall be that determined by the latest Federal Decennial Census.

In the event that the Legislature shall fail to make an apportionment, the Supreme Judicial Court shall, within sixty days following the end of the period in which the Legislature is required to act, but fails to do so, make the apportionment.'

WHEREAS, it appears by the return of votes given in by the electors of the various cities, towns and plantations voting upon said amendment as directed in the aforementioned Resolve at the Special Election on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November, being the fourth day of November, 1969, and reviewed by the Governor and Council on the seventeenth day of November, 1969, that a majority of said votes were in favor of this amendment; namely,

76,330 for, and  
57,950 opposed;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kenneth M. Curtis, Governor of the State of Maine, do proclaim the Constitution of the State of Maine amended as proposed and in

accordance with the provisions of this said Resolve, the amendment shall hereupon, as of the date of this proclamation, become a part of the Constitution.

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine this seventeenth day of November, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Ninety-fourth.

KENNETH M. CURTIS,  
Governor

By the Governor:  
JOSEPH T. EDGAR  
Secretary of State

STATE OF MAINE  
PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

AN ACT to Amend Bond Issue Acts as to Limitations of Interest.

WHEREAS, the One Hundred and Fourth Legislature of the State of Maine, by an act entitled,

“AN ACT to Amend Bond Issue Acts as to Limitations of Interest,”

passed by a concurrent vote to both branches and approved July 3, 1969, which said act is known and identified as Chapter 195 of the Private and Special Laws of 1969, enacted said measure expressly conditioned upon the people’s ratification by a referendum vote at the Special Election to be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November, 1969, and

WHEREAS, it appears by the return of votes given in by the electors of the various cities, towns and plantations voting upon said act, upon the fourth day of November, 1969, and reviewed by the Governor and Council on the seventeenth day of November, 1969, that a majority of said votes were in favor of this act becoming law; namely,

69,013 for, and  
63,793 opposed;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kenneth M. Curtis, Governor of the State of Maine, in pursuance of the provisions of the Constitution of said State in such case provided, declare said measure adopted, to take effect and become a law thirty days after the date of this proclamation.

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine this seventeenth day of November, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Ninety-fourth.

KENNETH M. CURTIS,  
Governor

By the Governor:  
JOSEPH T. EDGAR  
Secretary of State

## STATE OF MAINE

## PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

AN ACT to Authorize Bond Issue in the Amount of \$2,515,000 for the Construction and Improvement of Facilities for the Treatment and Care of the Mentally Ill, Mentally Retarded, and the Youthful and Adult Offender at our Mental Health and Corrections Institutions.

WHEREAS, the One Hundred and Fourth Legislature of the State of Maine, by an act entitled,

“AN ACT to Authorize Bond Issue in the Amount of \$2,515,000 for the Construction and Improvement of Facilities for the Treatment and Care of the Mentally Ill, Mentally Retarded, and the Youthful and Adult Offender at our Mental Health and Corrections Institutions,”

passed by a concurrent vote of both branches and approved July 3, 1969, which said act is known and identified as Chapter 194 of the Private and Special Laws of 1969, enacted said measure expressly conditioned upon the people's ratification by a referendum vote at the Special Election to be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November, 1969, and

WHEREAS, it appears by the return of votes given in by the electors of the various cities, towns and plantations voting upon said act, upon the fourth day of November, 1969, and reviewed by the Governor and Council on the seventeenth day of November, 1969, that a majority of said votes were in favor of this act becoming law; namely,

104,030 for, and  
39,115 opposed;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kenneth M. Curtis, Governor of the State of Maine, in pursuance of the provisions of the Constitution of said State in such case provided, declare said measure adopted, to take effect and become a law thirty days after the date of this proclamation.

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine this seventeenth day of November, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Ninety-fourth.

KENNETH M. CURTIS,  
Governor

By the Governor:  
JOSEPH T. EDGAR  
Secretary of State



## STATE OF MAINE

## PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

AN ACT to Authorize Bond Issues in the Amount of \$22,000,000 to Provide Funds for Foundation Program School Subsidies for the Period Beginning January 1, 1970 and Ending June 30, 1970.

WHEREAS, The One Hundred and Fourth Legislature of the State of Maine, by an act entitled,

“AN ACT to Authorize Bond Issues in the Amount of \$22,000,000 to Provide Funds for Foundation Program School Subsidies for the Period Beginning January 1, 1970 and Ending June 30, 1970,”

passed by a concurrent vote of both branches and approved July 2, 1969, which said act is known and identified as Chapter 171 of the Private and Special Laws of 1969, enacted said measure expressly conditioned upon the people's ratification by referendum vote at the Special Election to be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November, 1969, and

WHEREAS, it appears by the return of votes given in by the electors of the various cities, towns and plantations voting upon said act, upon the fourth day of November, 1969, and reviewed by the Governor and Council on the seventeenth day of November, 1969, that a majority of said votes were in favor of this act becoming law; namely,

84,505 for, and  
57,799 opposed;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kenneth M. Curtis, Governor of the State of Maine, in pursuance of the provisions of the Constitution of said State in such case provided, declare said measure adopted, to take effect and become a law thirty days after the date of this proclamation.

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine this seventeenth day of November, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Ninety-fourth.

KENNETH M. CURTIS,  
Governor

By the Governor:

JOSEPH T. EDGAR  
Secretary of State

## STATE OF MAINE

## PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

AN ACT, to Authorize Bond Issue in the Amount of \$310,000 for the Construction of Water and Sewage Facilities at the Indian Reservations.

WHEREAS, the One Hundred and Fourth Legislature of the State of Maine, by an act entitled,

“AN ACT to Authorize Bond Issue in the Amount of \$310,000 for the Construction of Water and Sewage Facilities at the Indian Reservations,”

passed by a concurrent vote of both branches and approved July 2, 1969, which said act is known and identified as Chapter 172 of the Private and Special Laws of 1969, enacted said measure expressly conditioned upon the people's ratification by a referendum vote at the Special Election to be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November, 1969, and

WHEREAS, it appears by the return of votes given in by the electors of the various cities, towns and plantations voting upon said act, upon the fourth day of November, 1969, and reviewed by the Governor and Council on the seventeenth day of November, 1969, that a majority of said votes were in favor of this act becoming law; namely,

90,713 for, and  
52,997 opposed;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kenneth M. Curtis, Governor of the State of Maine, in pursuance of the provisions of the Constitution of said State in such case provided, declare said measure adopted, to take effect and become a law thirty days after the date of this proclamation.

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine this seventeenth day of November, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Ninety-fourth.

KENNETH M. CURTIS,  
Governor

By the Governor:

JOSEPH T. EDGAR  
Secretary of State

## STATE OF MAINE

### PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

AN ACT to Authorize Bond Issues in the Amount of \$9,800,000 to Provide Funds for School Building Construction Under the Provisions of Section 3457 and Section 3459 of Title 20, R.S., and \$800,000 to Provide Funds for the Construction of Regional Technical and Vocational Centers Under the Provisions of Section 2356-B of Title 20, R.S.

WHEREAS, the One Hundred and Fourth Legislature of the State of Maine, by an act entitled,

“AN ACT to Authorize Bond Issues in the Amount of \$9,800,000 to Provide Funds for School Building Construction Under the Provisions of Section 3457 and Section 3459 of Title 20, R.S., and \$800,000 to Provide Funds for

the Construction of Regional Technical and Vocational Centers Under the Provisions of Section 2356-B of Title 20, R.S.,"

passed by a concurrent vote of both branches and approved July 2, 1969, which said act is known and identified as Chapter 177 of the Private and Special Laws of 1969, enacted said measure expressly conditioned upon the people's ratification by a referendum vote at the Special Election to be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November, 1969, and

WHEREAS, it appears by the return of votes given in by the electors of the various cities, towns and plantations voting upon said act, upon the fourth day of November, 1969, and reviewed by the Governor and Council on the seventeenth day of November, 1969, that a majority of said votes were in favor of this act becoming law; namely,

73,589 for, and  
67,997 opposed;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kenneth M. Curtis, Governor of the State of Maine, in pursuance of the provisions of the Constitution of said State in such case provided, declare said measure adopted, to take effect and become a law thirty days after the date of this proclamation.

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine this seventeenth day of November, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Ninety-fourth.

KENNETH M. CURTIS,  
Governor

By the Governor:

JOSEPH T. EDGAR  
Secretary of State

## STATE OF MAINE

### PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

AN ACT to Authorize General Fund Bond Issue in Amount of Fifty Million Dollars for Planning, Construction and Equipment of Pollution Abatement Facilities,

WHEREAS, the One Hundred and Fourth Legislature of the State of Maine, by an act entitled,

"AN ACT to Authorize General Fund Bond Issue in Amount of Fifty Million Dollars for Planning, Construction and Equipment of Pollution Abatement Facilities,"

passed by a concurrent vote of both branches and approved July 2, 1969, which said act is known and identified as Chapter 181 of the Private and Special Laws of 1969, enacted said measure expressly conditioned upon the people's ratification by a referendum vote at the Special Election to be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November, 1969, and

WHEREAS, it appears by the return of votes given in by the electors of the various cities, towns and plantations voting upon said act, upon the fourth day of November, 1969, and reviewed by the Governor and Council on the seventeenth day of November, 1969, that a majority of said votes were in favor of this act becoming law; namely,

75,790 for, and  
66,921 opposed;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kenneth M. Curtis, Governor of the State of Maine, in pursuance of the provisions of the Constitution of said State in such case provided, declare said measure adopted, to take effect and become a law as of the date of this proclamation.

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine this seventeenth day of November, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Ninety-fourth.

KENNETH M. CURTIS,  
Governor

By the Governor:

JOSEPH T. EDGAR  
Secretary of State

## STATE OF MAINE

### PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

AN ACT to Authorize Bond Issue in the Amount of \$770,000 for the Construction and Improvement of Vocational Education Facilities at Northern, Southern, Eastern and Central Maine Vocational-Technical Institutes, and for the Construction and Improvement of Education Facilities at Maine Maritime Academy and the Unorganized Territory Schools and Indian Schools.

WHEREAS, the One Hundred and Fourth Legislature of the State of Maine, by an act entitled,

"AN ACT to Authorize Bond Issue in the Amount of \$770,000 for the Construction and Improvement of Vocational Education Facilities at Northern, Southern, Eastern and Central Maine Vocational-Technical Institutes, and for the Construction and Improvement of Education Facilities at Maine Maritime Academy and the Unorganized Territory Schools and Indian Schools,"

passed by a concurrent vote of both branches and approved July 2, 1969, which said act is known and identified as Chapter 183 of the Private and Special Laws

of 1969, enacted said measure expressly conditioned upon the people's ratification by a referendum vote at the Special Election to be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November, 1969, and

WHEREAS, it appears by the return of votes given in by the electors of the various cities, towns and plantations voting upon said act, upon the fourth day of November, 1969, and reviewed by the Governor and Council on the seventeenth day of November, 1969, that a majority of said votes were in favor of this act becoming law; namely,

75,499 for, and  
66,281 opposed;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kenneth M. Curtis, Governor of the State of Maine, in pursuance of the provisions of the Constitution of said State in such case provided, declare said measure adopted, to take effect and become a law thirty days after the date of this proclamation.

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine this seventeenth day of November, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Ninety-fourth.

KENNETH M. CURTIS,  
Governor

By the Governor:  
JOSEPH T. EDGAR  
Secretary of State

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

AN ACT to Authorize Bond Issues in the Amount of \$50,000,000 to Provide Funds for School Building Construction.

WHEREAS, the One Hundred and Fourth Legislature of the State of Maine, by an act entitled,

“AN ACT to Authorize Bond Issues in the Amount of \$50,000,000 to Provide Funds for School Building Construction,”

passed by a concurrent vote of both branches and approved July 2, 1969, which said act is known and identified as Chapter 179 of the Private and Special Laws of 1969, enacted said measure expressly conditioned upon the people's ratification by a referendum vote at the General Election to be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November, 1970, and

WHEREAS, it appears by the return of votes given in by the electors of the various cities, towns and plantations voting upon said act, upon the third day of November, 1970, and reviewed by the Governor and Council on the eighteenth day of November, 1970, that a majority of said votes were in favor of this act becoming law; namely,

160,681 for, and  
121,196 opposed;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kenneth M. Curtis, Governor of the State of Maine, in pursuance of the provisions of the Constitution of said State in such case provided, declare said measure adopted, to take effect and become a law thirty days after the date of this proclamation.

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine this eighteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Ninety-fifth.

KENNETH M. CURTIS,  
Governor

By the Governor:

JOSEPH T. EDGAR  
Secretary of State

## STATE OF MAINE

### PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

AN ACT Repealing the Interest on Unissued Bonds for Water Pollution Abatement.

WHEREAS, the One Hundred and Fourth Legislature of the State of Maine, by an act entitled,

“AN ACT Repealing the Interest on Unissued Bonds for Water Pollution Abatement,”

passed by a concurrent vote of both branches and approved February 9, 1970, which said act is known and identified as Chapter 250 of the Private and Special Laws of 1969, enacted said measure expressly conditioned upon the people's ratification by a referendum vote at the General Election to be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November, 1970, and

WHEREAS, it appears by the return of votes given in by the electors of the various cities, towns and plantations voting upon said act, upon the third day of November, 1970, and reviewed by the Governor and Council on the eighteenth

day of November, 1970, that a majority of said votes were in favor of this act becoming law; namely,

175,911 for, and  
82,789 opposed;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kenneth M. Curtis, Governor of the State of Maine, in pursuance of the provisions of the Constitution of said State in such case provided, declare said measure adopted, to take effect and become a law thirty days after the date of this proclamation.

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine this eighteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Ninety-fifth.

KENNETH M. CURTIS,  
Governor

By the Governor:

JOSEPH T. EDGAR  
Secretary of State

## STATE OF MAINE

### PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Reduce the Voting Age to Twenty Years.

WHEREAS, the One Hundred and Fourth Legislature of the State of Maine by a Resolve passed by a concurrent vote of both branches and approved June 26, 1969, proposed to the electors of said State the following amendment to the Constitution, to wit:

The first sentence of section 1 of Article II of the Constitution, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

'Every citizen of the United States of the age of twenty years and upwards, excepting persons under guardianship for reasons of mental illness, having his or her residence established in this State for the term of six months next preceding any election, shall be an elector for Governor, Senators and Representatives, in the city, town or plantation where his or her residence has been established for the term of three months next preceding such election, and he or she shall continue to be an elector in such city, town or plantation for the period of three months after his or her removal therefrom, if he or she continues to reside in this State during such period, unless barred by the provisions of the second paragraph of this section; and the elections shall be by written ballot.'

WHEREAS, it appears by the return of votes given in by the electors of the various cities, towns and plantations voting upon said amendment as directed in

the aforementioned Resolve at the General Election on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November, being the third day of November, 1970, and reviewed by the Governor and Council on the eighteenth day of November, 1970, that a majority of said votes were in favor of this amendment; namely,

167,660 for, and  
117,668 opposed;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kenneth M. Curtis, Governor of the State of Maine, do proclaim the Constitution of the State of Maine amended as proposed and in accordance with the provisions of this said Resolve, the amendment shall hereupon, as of the date of this proclamation, become a part of the Constitution.

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine this eighteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Ninety-fifth.

KENNETH M. CURTIS,  
Governor

By the Governor:

JOSEPH T. EDGAR  
Secretary of State

## STATE OF MAINE

### PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Providing for Valuation of Certain Lands at Current Use.

WHEREAS, the One Hundred and Fourth Legislature of the State of Maine by a Resolve passed by a concurrent vote of both branches and approved June 30, 1969, proposed to the electors of said State the following amendment to the Constitution, to wit:

Section 8 of Article IX of the Constitution is amended to read as follows:

Section 8. Taxation; intangible property. All taxes upon real and personal estate, assessed by authority of this State, shall be apportioned and assessed equally, according to the just value thereof; but the Legislature shall have power to levy a tax upon intangible personal property at such rate as it deems wise and equitable without regard to the rate applied to other classes of property. Nothing shall prevent the Legislature from providing for the assessment of the following types of real estate wherever situated in accordance with a valuation based upon the current use thereof and in accordance with such conditions as the Legislature may enact:

1. Farms and agricultural lands, timberlands and woodlands;



2. Open space lands which are used for recreation or the enjoyment of scenic or natural beauty;

3. Lands used for game management or wildlife sanctuaries.

In implementing the foregoing, the Legislature shall provide that any change of use higher than those set forth above, except when the change is occasioned by a transfer resulting from the exercise or threatened exercise of the power of eminent domain, shall result in the imposition of a minimum penalty equal to the tax which would have been imposed over the 5 years preceding such change of use had such real estate been assessed at its highest and best use, less all taxes paid on said real estate over the preceding 5 years, and interest, upon such reasonable and equitable basis as the Legislature shall determine.'

WHEREAS, it appears by the return of votes given in by the electors of the various cities, towns and plantations voting upon said amendment as directed in the aforementioned Resolve at the General Election on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November, being the third day of November, 1970, and reviewed by the Governor and Council on the eighteenth day of November, 1970, that a majority of said votes were in favor of this amendment; namely,

168,390 for, and  
99,316 opposed;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kenneth M. Curtis, Governor of the State of Maine, do proclaim the Constitution of the State of Maine amended as proposed and in accordance with the provisions of this said Resolve, the amendment shall hereupon, as of the date of this proclamation, become a part of the Constitution.

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine this eighteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Ninety-fifth.

KENNETH M. CURTIS,  
Governor

By the Governor:  
JOSEPH T. EDGAR  
Secretary of State

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Providing for Convening of the Legislature at Such Times as the Legislature Deems Necessary.

WHEREAS, the One Hundred and Fourth Legislature of the State of Maine by a Resolve passed by a concurrent vote of both branches, received in the office of the Secretary of State January 13, 1970, Resolve according to Article X, Section 4 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, proposed to the electors of said State the following amendment to the Constitution, to wit:

Section 1 of Part Third of Article IV of the Constitution is amended to read as follows:

'Section 1. To meet biennially. The Legislature shall convene on the first Wednesday of January biennially and at such other times on the call of the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House, with the consent of a majority of the members of the Legislature of each political party, all members of the Legislature having been first polled and, with the exceptions hereinafter stated, shall have full power to make and establish all reasonable laws and regulations for the defense and benefit of the people of this State, not repugnant to this Constitution, nor to that of the United States.'

WHEREAS, it appears by the return of votes given in by the electors of the various cities, towns and plantations voting upon said amendment as directed in the aforementioned Resolve at the General Election on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November, being the third day of November, 1970, and reviewed by the Governor and Council on the eighteenth day of November, 1970, that a majority of said votes were in favor of this amendment; namely,

157,903 for, and  
110,047 opposed;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kenneth M. Curtis, Governor of the State of Maine, do proclaim the Constitution of the State of Maine amended as proposed and in accordance with the provisions of this said Resolve, the amendment shall hereupon, as of the date of this proclamation, become a part of the Constitution.

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine this eighteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Ninety-fifth.

KENNETH M. CURTIS,  
Governor

By the Governor:

JOSEPH T. EDGAR  
Secretary of State

## STATE OF MAINE

### PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, legislative leaders and I have agreed that it is advisable that the Legislature of this State should meet in a special session for the purpose of considering the following emergency legislation:

An Appropriations Bill, including funds for the Department of Indian Affairs and the Department of Mental Health and Corrections, increases in judges' salaries, increases in the salaries of employees of state institutions who suffered a reduction in pay because of recent working hour changes, and adjustments in the

biennial appropriation of several agencies; A Surplus Appropriations Bill, including funds for a Spruce Bud Worm Control Program, Camp Waban, a Kidney Dialysis Program, School Subsidies, Androscoggin County Mental Health Facility and miscellaneous repairs and emergencies for the Adjutant General, Department of Aeronautics, Department of Mental Health and Corrections, University of Maine, Department of Veteran's Affairs, and Parks and Recreation; A Highway Bond Issue; and other matters judged by the Legislature as necessary to the welfare of the State.

WHEREAS, I further deem it necessary to consider the following items:

Funds for state assumption of 50% of the cost of health insurance plans for state employees, increased enrollment at the University of Maine, a management analysis section in Finance and Administration, and the Services for Aging unit of Health and Welfare; Creation of a Consumer's Council; An interest free loan for construction of the Portland Ferry Terminal; Construction of the first phase of a medical-psychiatric unit at the Boys Training Center; Establishment of a Human Rights Commission; Allocation of bond money for water pollution abatement projects; Government reorganization and efficiency measures; A coastal protection act; Control of solid waste; Annual Sessions; Creation of a State Forest Authority; Changes in laws affecting the State Department of Education, the University of Maine, County Attorneys, Sea and Shore Fisheries, the conveyance of land in South Portland, the poor, the retirement system, municipal, state and private employees, Liquor Commission, Maine Police Academy, Maine Housing Authority, personnel system, technical provisions of state tax laws, property tax administration and wildlands tax adjustments, county government, home rule, municipal revenue bonds and non-public elementary school assistance.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kenneth M. Curtis, Governor of the State of Maine, by virtue of the power vested in me as Governor, convene the Legislature of this State, hereby requesting the Senators and Representatives to assemble in their respective chambers at the Capitol at Augusta on Tuesday, the sixth day of January, 1970, at nine o'clock in the morning, in order to receive communications and to consider and enact such measures as in their judgment will best promote the welfare of the State.

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this Twenty-second day of December, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Ninety-fourth.

KENNETH M. CURTIS,  
Governor

By the Governor:

JOSEPH T. EDGAR  
Secretary of State