

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS
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"Shall 'An Act to Authorize Bond Issue in the Amount of \$5,965,000 for the Construction and Renovations of Higher Education Facilities at the University of Maine,' as passed by the First Regular Session of the 108th Legislature, be accepted?"

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 ratification voting "Yes" and those opposed to 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 shall review 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 thereupon 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.

Effective as Provided by the Act

CHAPTER 70

AN ACT to Authorize Bond Issue in the Amount of \$3,748,000 for Construction of an Educational Wing at Central Maine Vocational-Technical Institute, a Mechanicals Building at Eastern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute, a Multipurpose Instructional Building at Northern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute and a Building Construction Facility at Southern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute.

Preamble. Two-thirds of both Houses of the Legislature deeming it necessary in accordance with Section 14 of Article IX of the Constitution to authorize the issuance of bonds on behalf of the State of Maine to provide for construction at Central Maine Vocational-Technical Institute, Eastern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute, Northern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute and Southern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute.

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

Sec. 1. Issue of bonds to provide funds for construction of new facilities at vocational-technical institutes. The Treasurer of State is authorized, under the direction of the Governor to issue from time to time serial coupon bonds in the name and behalf of the State to an amount not exceeding \$3,748,000 for the purpose of raising funds to provide for construction pursuant to this Act. These bonds shall be deemed a pledge of the faith and credit of the State. These bonds shall not run for a longer period than 20 years from the date of the original issue thereof. Any issuance of bonds may contain a call feature at the discretion of the Treasurer of State with the approval of the Governor.

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 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; proceeds appropriated. The Treasurer of State may negotiate the sale of such bonds by direction of the Governor; 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, are appropriated to be used solely for the purpose set forth in this Act. Any unencumbered balances remaining at the completion of the construction pursuant to this Act shall lapse to the debt service account established for the retirement of these bonds.

Sec. 4. Interest and debt retirement. Interest due or accruing upon any bonds issued under the provisions of this Act and all sums coming due for payment of bonds at maturity shall be paid by the Treasurer of State.

Sec. 5. Disbursement of bond proceeds. The proceeds of such bonds shall be expended under the direction and supervision of the Director of the Bureau of Public Improvements.

Sec. 6. Other sources of funds. This Act shall not in any manner preclude the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services or the Treasurer of State from accepting from any authorized agency of the Federal Government or other nonstate sources construction aid fund grants, debt service grant funds or other grants for the planning, construction, equipping or property acquisition for any of the projects provided for in this Act, or from entering into agreements with such agency or agencies respecting any such grants.

Sec. 7. Allocations from General Fund bond issue.

| Campus Location | Description | Project Cost |
|--------------------|--|-----------------|
| Auburn | Construction of educational wing | \$1,058,000 |
| Bangor | Construction of mechanicals building | 726,000 |
| Presque Isle | Construction of multipurpose instructional building | 1,400,000 |
| South Portland | Construction of building construction facility | 564,000 |
| | Total | \$3,748,000 |

Sec. 8. Contingent upon ratification of bond issue. Sections 1 to 5 of this Act shall not become effective unless and until the people of the State of Maine shall have ratified the issuance of bonds as set forth in this Act.

Sec. 9. 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 statewide election to give in their votes upon the acceptance or rejection of the foregoing Act, and the question shall be:

"Shall the State authorize bond issue in the amount of \$3,748,000 for construction of an educational wing at Central Maine Vocational-Technical Institute, a mechanicals building at Eastern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute, a multipurpose instructional building at Northern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute and a building construction facility at Southern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute, as passed by the First Regular Session of the 108th Legislature?"

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CHAPTER 71

AN ACT Appropriating Funds for Maine Health Systems Agency, Incorporated, to Ensure That Quality Health Services Are Available at a Reasonable Cost to all Maine People.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the 90-day period will not terminate until after the beginning of the next fiscal year; and

Whereas, costs of health care have been increasing at an annual rate of 15%, necessitating methods for their control while maintaining quality of care; and

Whereas, despite escalating costs, many residents of rural Maine are denied access to the most basic health services; and

Whereas, ordinary people are rarely involved in the planning and developing of health services designed to meet their needs; and