

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE  
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS  
OF THE  
**STATE OF MAINE**

AS PASSED AT THE  
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“Shall, ‘AN ACT to Authorize a Bond Issue in the Amount of \$10,000,000 for Energy Conservation Improvements for State-owned Buildings and Public School Buildings,’ as passed by the First Regular Session of the 108th Legislature, be approved?”

The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question, and shall designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square below the words “Yes” or “No.” The ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review the returns, and, if it appears that a majority of the legal votes are in favor of the Act, the Governor shall proclaim that fact without delay, and the Act shall become 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 purpose of this referendum.

Effective as Provided by the Act

## CHAPTER 73

**AN ACT to Terminate Administration of the Industrialized Housing Law.**

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

**P & SL 1973, c. 221, § 1, last sentence under the caption “MAINE STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY” is repealed as follows:**

~~This appropriation is on a loan basis and is to be repaid within five years~~

Effective October 24, 1977

## CHAPTER 74

**AN ACT to Appropriate Money for Improvements to Airports and to Authorize General Fund Bond Issues in the Amount of \$1,800,000.**

**Preamble.** Two-thirds of both Houses of the Legislature deeming it necessary in accordance with the Constitution, Article IX, Section 14, to authorize the issuance of bonds on behalf of the State of Maine for the purpose of improving airports.

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

**Sec. 1. Bond Issue of \$1,800,000 authorized.** 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 \$1,800,000 payable serially at the State Treasury within 20 years from date of issue. Such bonds and coupons shall be of such denominations and form and upon such terms and conditions, not inconsistent herewith, as the Governor shall direct. The proceeds from the sale of said bonds shall be used for airport improvements as authorized by section 4. The said bonds shall be deemed a pledge of the faith and credit of the State. The said bonds shall be issued from time to time so as to meet the needs of the Airport Improvement Program. Said bonds when paid at maturity or otherwise retired shall not be reissued, but may be refunded on terms more favorable to the State than those in the original issue.

**Sec. 2. Interest and debt retirement.** Interest due or accruing upon any bonds issued under this Act and all sums coming due for payment of bonds at maturity shall be paid by the Treasurer of State from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

**Sec. 3. Disbursement of bond proceeds.** The proceeds of such bonds shall be expended under the direction and supervision of the Department of Transportation.

**Sec. 4. Appropriations from General Fund bond issue.** The funds appropriated by this section for the following airports shall be expended for improvements at said airports:

Airport Improvements, Auburn-Lewiston	\$ 36,300
Airport Improvements, Augusta	665,050
Airport Improvements, Bangor	138,540
Airport Improvements, Bar Harbor	22,150
Airport Improvements, Belfast	1,500
Airport Improvements, Caribou	6,000
Airport Improvements, Dexter	4,000
Airport Improvements, Dover-Foxcroft	1,500
Airport Improvements, Fort Kent	3,000
Airport Improvements, Frenchville	16,000
Airport Improvements, Fryeburg	9,000
Airport Improvements, Islesboro	1,700
Airport Improvements, Jackman	2,000
Airport Improvements, Knox County	25,650
Airport Improvements, Lincoln	5,000
Airport Improvements, Norridgewock	5,500
Airport Improvements, Old Town	26,100

Airport Improvements, Pittsfield	\$ 5,500
Airport Improvements, Portage Lake	6,000
Airport Improvements, Portland	699,059
Airport Improvements, Presque Isle	48,933
Airport Improvements, Princeton	1,750
Airport Improvements, Rangeley	2,250
Airport Improvements, Sanford	5,000
Airport Improvements, Waterville	31,175
Airport Improvements, Wiscasset	7,583
Discretionary	23,760
Total Appropriations	<u>\$1,800,000</u>

The amounts listed after each airport are to be construed as guides and may be adjusted by the Department of Transportation in case local matching funds are not raised as anticipated, minor adjustments in project scope are necessary, or federal matching ratios change, as long as the total expenditures of state money do not exceed the total amount of the bond issue.

It is the intent of the Legislature that any of the above airports for which matching funds are required shall have such matching funds available before any state money is expended at said airport.

**Sec. 5. Appropriation balances at year end.** At the end of each fiscal year, all unencumbered appropriation balances representing state moneys shall carry forward from year to year. It is further provided that unencumbered appropriation balances remaining at June 30, 1985, shall go into a debt service account to pay interest or principal on the issued bonds.

**Sec. 6. Contingent upon ratification of bond issue.** Sections 1 to 4 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. 7. Referendum for ratification.** The aldermen of cities, the selectmen of towns and the assessors of the several plantations of this State are 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 a bond issue be ratified for the purposes set forth in ‘AN ACT to Appropriate Money for Improvements to Airports and to Authorize General Fund Bond Issues in the Amount of \$1,800,000,’ as passed by the 108th Legislature?”

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 said 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

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## CHAPTER 75

### AN ACT Appropriating Funds to Maine Vocational Development Commission.

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

**Appropriation.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Maine Vocational Development Commission the sum of \$20,000 to establish a fund to implement the Maine Vocational Development Fund. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1977-78	1978-79
Maine Vocational Development Commission		
Unallocated	\$10,000	\$10,000

Any unexpended balances of the commission shall be credited to a special nonlapsing Maine Vocational Development Commission Fund, and each year thereafter the Legislature shall appropriate the necessary funds to keep this fund at the same level, but not to exceed what is recommended to carry out the purposes of this Act for the fiscal years 1978 and 1979.