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STATE OF MAINE

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**SELECTED
PROCLAMATIONS**

STATE OF MAINE
PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Limit the Life of Authorized Bonds.

WHEREAS, the One Hundred and Eleventh Legislature of the State of Maine by a Constitutional Resolution passed by a concurrent vote of both branches April 24, 1984, proposed to the electors of said State the following amendment to the Constitution, to wit:

Article IX, Section 14, is amended to read:

'Section 14. The credit of the State shall not be directly or indirectly loaned in any case, except as provided in sections 14-A, 14-C, 14-D and 14-E. The Legislature shall not create any debt or debts, liability or liabilities, on behalf of the State, which shall singly, or in the aggregate, with previous debts and liabilities hereafter incurred at any one time, exceed \$2,000,000, except to suppress insurrection, to repel invasion, or for purposes of war, and except for temporary loans to be paid out of money raised by taxation during the fiscal year in which they are made; and excepting also that whenever two thirds of both Houses shall deem it necessary, by proper enactment ratified by a majority of the electors voting thereon at a general or special election, the Legislature may authorize the issuance of bonds on behalf of the State at such times and in such amounts and for such purposes as approved by such action; but this shall not be construed to refer to any money that has been, or may be deposited with this State by the Government of the United States, or to any fund which the State shall hold in trust for any Indian tribe. Whenever ratification by the electors is essential to the validity of bonds to be issued on behalf of the State, the question submitted to the electors shall be accompanied by a statement setting forth the total amount of bonds of the State outstanding and unpaid, the total amount of bonds of the State authorized and unissued, and the total amount of bonds of the State contemplated to be issued if the enactment submitted to the electors be ratified. For any bond authorization requiring ratification of the electors pursuant to this section, if any bonds have not been issued within five years of the date of ratification, then those bonds may not be issued after that date. Within two years after expiration of that five-year period, the Legislature may extend, by a majority vote, the five-year period for an additional five years or may deauthorize the bonds. If the Legislature fails to take action within those two years, the bond issue shall be considered to be deauthorized and no further bonds may be issued. For any bond authorization in existence on November 6, 1984, and for which the five-year period following ratification has expired, no further bonds may be issued unless the Legislature, by November 6, 1986, reauthorizes those bonds, by a majority vote, for an additional five-year period, failing which all bonds unissued under those authorizations shall be considered to be deauthorized. Temporary loans to be paid out of moneys raised by taxation during any fiscal year shall not exceed in the aggregate during the fiscal year in question an amount greater than ten percent of all the moneys appropriated, authorized and allocated by the Legislature from undedicated revenues

to the General Fund and dedicated revenues to the Highway Fund for that fiscal year, exclusive of proceeds or expenditures from the sale of bonds, or greater than one percent of the total valuation of the State of Maine, whichever is the lesser.'

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 Constitutional Resolution at the General Election held on November 6, 1984, and reviewed by the Governor on November 26, 1984, that a majority of said votes were in favor of this amendment; namely,

309,717 for, and
175,127 opposed;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joseph E. Brennan, Governor of the State of Maine, do proclaim the Constitution of the State of Maine amended as proposed in accordance with the provisions of this said Constitutional Resolution, 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 twenty-sixth day of November in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-four.

JOSEPH E. BRENNAN
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Secretary of State

STATE OF MAINE
PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Provide that, Beginning with the Property Tax Year 1984, All Watercraft as Defined by the Legislature shall be Exempt from Taxation as Personal Property, Provided That Certain Watercraft as Defined by the Legislature shall be Subject to an Excise Tax to be Collected and Retained by the Municipalities.

WHEREAS, the One Hundred and Eleventh Legislature of the State of Maine by a Constitutional Resolution passed by a concurrent vote of both branches April 24, 1984, proposed to the electors of said State the following amendment to the Constitution, to wit:

Article IX, Section 8, sub-section 4, is enacted to read:

‘4. Beginning with the property tax year 1984, all watercraft as defined by the Legislature shall be exempt from taxation as personal property, provided that certain watercraft as defined by the Legislature shall be subject to an excise tax to be collected and retained by the municipalities.’

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 Constitutional Resolution at the General Election held on November 6, 1984, and reviewed by the Governor on November 26, 1984, that a majority of said votes were in favor of this amendment; namely,

336,848 for, and
169,286 opposed;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joseph E. Brennan, Governor of the State of Maine, do proclaim the Constitution of the State of Maine amended as proposed in accordance with the provisions of this said Constitutional Resolution, 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 twenty-sixth
day of November in the year of our
Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred
and Eighty-four.

JOSEPH E. BRENNAN
GOVERNOR

By the Governor.

Secretary of State

STATE OF MAINE
PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Enable the Legislature to Establish the Extent of Insurance of Loans to Veterans.

WHEREAS, the One Hundred and Eleventh Legislature of the State of Maine by a Constitutional Resolution passed by a concurrent vote of both branches April 24, 1984, proposed to the electors of said State the following amendment to the Constitution, to wit:

Article IX, Section 14-D, is amended to read:

'Section 14-D. Authority to insure Maine veteran's mortgage loans, and to appropriate moneys and issue bonds for the payment of same. For the purposes of recognizing the services and sacrifices of Maine's men and women who have served their state and country through honorable service in the Armed Forces of the United States in time of war or national emergency; enlarging the opportunities for employment of Maine's veterans; insuring the preservation and betterment of the economy of the State of Maine; and stimulating the flow of private investment funds to Maine's veterans, the Legislature by proper enactment may insure the payment of any mortgage loan to resident Maine veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States; including a business organization owned in whole or in part by a resident Maine veterans, when such loans are made in connection with such legitimate purposes and under such terms and conditions as the Legislature may determine, not exceeding in the aggregate \$4,000,000 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 Constitutional Resolution at the General Election held on November 6, 1984, and reviewed by the Governor on November 26, 1984, that a majority of said votes were in favor of this amendment; namely,

296,299 for, and
206,760 opposed;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joseph E. Brennan, Governor of the State of Maine do proclaim the Constitution of the State of Maine amended as proposed in accordance with the provisions of this said Constitutional Resolution, the amendment shall become a part of the Constitution on January 1, 1985.

Given at the office of the Governor at
Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal
of the State of Maine this twenty-sixth
day of November, in the year of our
Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred
and Eighty-four.

JOSEPH E. BRENNAN
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Secretary of State

STATE OF MAINE
PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

AN ACT to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$10,035,000 for Construction and Renovation of Correctional Facilities.

WHEREAS, the One Hundred and Eleventh Legislature of the State of Maine in Third Special Session, by an act entitled,

“AN ACT to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$10,035,000 for Construction and Renovation of Correctional Facilities,”

passed by a concurrent vote of both branches and approved September 14, 1984, which said act is known and identified as Chapter 111 of the Private and Special Laws of 1983, 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, 1984, 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, on November 6, 1984, and reviewed by the Governor on November 26, 1984, that a majority of said votes were in favor of this act becoming law; namely,

276,886 for, and
242,341 opposed;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joseph E. Brennan, Governor of the State of Maine, in pursuance of the provisions of the Constitution of said State in such cases provided, declare said measure adopted, to take effect and become 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 twenty-sixth day of November in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-four.

JOSEPH E. BRENNAN
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Secretary of State

STATE OF MAINE
 PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

AN ACT to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$13,425,000 for Capital Improvements, Construction, Renovations, Equipment and Furnishings for Vocational-Technical Institutes and to Provide Funds for the Procurement of a Tugboat to be Used for Training Purposes at the Maine Maritime Academy.

WHEREAS, the One Hundred and Eleventh Legislature of the State of Maine in Third Special Session, by an act entitled,

“AN ACT to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$13,425,000 for Capital Improvements, Construction, Renovations, Equipment and Furnishings for Vocational-Technical Institutes and to Provide Funds for the Procurement of a Tugboat to be Used for Training Purposes at the Maine Maritime Academy,”

passed by a concurrent vote of both branches and approved September 13, 1984, which said act is known and identified as Chapter 108 of the Private and Special Laws of 1983, 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, 1984, 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, on November 6, 1984, and reviewed by the Governor on November 26, 1984, that a majority of said votes were in favor of this act becoming law; namely,

280,529 for, and
 238,172 opposed;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joseph E. Brennan, Governor of the State of Maine, in pursuance of the provisions of the Constitution of said State in such cases provided, declare said measure adopted, to take effect and become 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 twenty-sixth day of November in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-four.

JOSEPH E. BRENNAN
 GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Secretary of State

STATE OF MAINE
PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

AN ACT to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$16,500,000 for the Construction and Renovation of Higher Educational Facilities at the University of Maine.

WHEREAS, the One Hundred and Eleventh Legislature of the State of Maine in Third Special Session, by an act entitled,

“AN ACT to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$16,500,000 for the Construction and Renovation of Higher Educational Facilities at the University of Maine,”

passed by a concurrent vote of both branches and approved September 13, 1984, which said act is known and identified at Chapter 109 of the Private and Special Laws of 1983, 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, 1984, 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 on November 6, 1984, and reviewed by the Governor on November 26, 1984, that a majority of said votes were in favor of this act becoming law; namely,

299,385 for, and
223,489 opposed;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joseph E. Brennan, 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 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 twenty-sixth day of November in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-four.

JOSEPH E. BRENNAN
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Secretary of State