

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LAWS**  
OF THE  
**STATE OF MAINE**

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

December 5, 1984 to June 20, 1985  
Chapters 384-End

AND AT THE

**FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

November 13, 1985

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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J.S. McCarthy Co., Inc.  
Augusta, Maine  
1985

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**PRIVATE AND  
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any remaining unissued bonds or bond anticipation notes for an additional amount of time not to exceed 5 years.

Sec. 10. Statutory referendum procedure; submission at statewide election; form of question; effective date. This Act shall be submitted to the legal voters of the State of Maine at a statewide election to be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November following passage of this Act. The city aldermen, town selectmen and plantation assessors of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election, to vote on the acceptance or rejection of this Act by voting on the following question:

"Do you favor a \$2,000,000 bond issue for the restoration and preservation of historic buildings?"

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 word "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 Pending Referendum.

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## CHAPTER 74

H.P. 1135 - L.D. 1641

AN ACT to Appropriate Funds for the State  
Railroad Program under the Department  
of Transportation.

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

Sec. 1. Study Committee. There is established a special legislative committee which shall study the feasibility of state assistance to the rail industry in response to existing and developing rail transportation problems and report its finding to the 112th Legislature during January, 1986. This committee shall consist of 2 members from each of the following Joint Standing Committees of the Legislature: Taxation, Transportation and Appropriations and Financial Affairs. These members shall be appointed by the chairmen of their respective committees.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	<u>1985-86</u>	<u>1986-87</u>
<u>LEGISLATURE</u>		
Personal Services	\$1,200	
All Other	3,800	
<p style="margin-left: 40px;">Provides funds for the expenses of the special legislative committee to study the feasibility of state assistance to the rail industry.</p>		
Total	<u>\$5,000</u>	

Sec. 3. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	<u>1985-86</u>	<u>1986-87</u>
<u>TRANSPORTATION,</u>		
<u>DEPARTMENT OF</u>		
Bureau of Transportation Services		
Railroad Assistance Program		
Personal Services	\$ 20,000	\$ 70,000
All Other	180,000	330,000
<p style="margin-left: 40px;">Provides funds for the administration of the</p>		

1985-86

1986-87

rail assistance program and for the maintenance and insurance of the rail lines. In the event that any of the 4 legislative documents, informally referred to as the "Rail Policy Plan" should fail to be enacted by the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature and the bond issue fails to be ratified by the voters, the funds appropriated in this section to the Department of Transportation shall lapse to the General Fund and the provisions of this section shall not become effective.

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Total	\$200,000	\$400,000

**Effective date.** Section 3 of this Act takes effect February 1, 1986.

Effective September 19, 1985, unless otherwise indicated.

## CHAPTER 75

H.P. 1136 - L.D. 1642

AN ACT to Authorize a General Fund Bond  
Issue in the Amount of \$850,000 for  
Acquisition of Certain Rail Lines in Maine.