

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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any bonds issued under this Act and all sums coming due for payment of bonds at maturity.

Sec. 5. Disbursement of bond proceeds. The proceeds of the bonds must be expended as set out in section 6 under the direction and supervision of the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Recreation and the Director of the Maine Historic Preservation Commission.

Sec. 6. Allocations from General Fund bond issue; improvements and renovations at state parks and historic sites and a matching grant program to restore and preserve historic buildings open to the public. The proceeds of the sale of bonds must be expended as designated in the following schedule.

1991-92

**Department of Conservation,
Bureau of Parks and Recreation**

To pay for major renovations and improvements to facilities under the care of the Bureau of Parks and Recreation. \$3,500,000

Maine Historic Preservation Commission

To pay for improvements associated with the restoration and preservation of historic buildings, including the State House. \$1,500,000

Total General Fund Bonds \$5,000,000

Sec. 7. Contingent upon ratification of bond issue. Sections 1 to 6 do not become effective unless the people of the State have ratified the issuance of bonds as set forth in this Act.

Sec. 8. Appropriation balances at year end. At the end of each fiscal year, all unencumbered appropriation balances representing state money carry forward. Bond proceeds that have not been expended within 10 years after the date of the sale of the bonds lapse to General Fund debt service.

Sec. 9. Bonds authorized but not issued. Any bonds authorized but not issued, or for which bond anticipation notes are not issued within 5 years of ratification of this Act, are deauthorized and may not be issued; except that the Legislature may, within 2 years after the expiration of that 5-year period, extend the period for issuing any remaining unissued bonds or bond anticipation notes for an additional amount of time not to exceed 5 years.

Sec. 10. Referendum for ratification; submission at statewide election; form of question; effective date. This Act must be submitted to the legal

voters of the State of Maine at a statewide election held on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November following passage of this Act. The municipal officers 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 \$5,000,000 bond issue for major renovations and improvements at state parks and for the preservation of historic buildings open to the public?”

The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question and designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square below the word “Yes” or “No.” The ballots must 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 a majority of the legal votes are cast in favor of the Act, the Governor shall proclaim the result without delay, and the Act becomes 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.

CHAPTER 50

H.P. 375 - L.D. 529

An Act to Study the Campaign Laws of the State

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

Sec. 1. Committee established. The Committee to Study the Campaign Finance Laws is established.

Sec. 2. Committee membership. The committee consists of 5 members appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sec. 3. Appointments; meetings. All appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this Act. The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall jointly appoint the chair of the committee.

Sec. 4. Duties. The committee shall study the campaign finance laws of the State.

In examining this topic, the committee may:

1. Meet as necessary;
2. Hold informational sessions for discussions with knowledgeable persons;
3. Conduct, summarize and analyze the results of a literature search;
4. Conduct, tabulate and analyze the results of a survey of the public or affected persons and groups;
5. Procure and analyze relevant data;
6. Conduct legal research and prepare opinions on legal questions within the scope of the study; and
7. Determine and summarize the legislative actions or governmental programs undertaken in other jurisdictions related to issues within the scope of the study.

Sec. 5. Staff assistance. No staffing for the committee is authorized.

Sec. 6. Reimbursement. No compensation or reimbursement for members of the committee is authorized.

Sec. 7. Report. The committee shall submit its report to the Joint Standing Committee on Legal Affairs no later than November 1, 1991.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 51

H.P. 928 - L.D. 1348

An Act to Reinstitute the Township of Misery-Sapling Gore

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

Sec. 1. P&SL 1989, c. 33 is repealed.

Sec. 2. Administration of Misery-Sapling Gore. Those portions of Misery-Sapling Gore, T1, 2 and 3 R7 BKP WKR, in Somerset County, lying wholly within the unorganized territories, that were absorbed into the townships of Parlin Pond, T3 R7 BKP WKR; Misery, T2 R7 BKP WKR; and Sapling, T1 R7 BKP WKR, by Private and Special Law 1989, chapter 33, must be administered by the State for all purposes as if those portions were remaining in these respective townships, including, without limitation, the purposes of taxation and all other record keeping and reporting generally conducted on a township basis.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 52

S.P. 683 - L.D. 1811

An Act to Annex the Town of Richmond to Lincoln County

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

Whereas, this legislation requires the Town of Richmond to conduct a town meeting and requires Lincoln County to hold a referendum in November of 1991; and

Whereas, pending approval of the voters, annexation of the Town of Richmond to Lincoln County is effective on January 1, 1992; and

Whereas, this legislation must be effective immediately in order to permit the timely conduct of these elections; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. Annexation. The Town of Richmond is removed from Sagadahoc County and annexed to and made part of Lincoln County.

Sec. 2. Obligations to Sagadahoc County. The obligations of the town to Sagadahoc County, existing on the day this Act is approved by the Legislature, continue after the town is made part of Lincoln County. The indebtedness of the Town of Richmond to the County of Sagadahoc must be determined in a just and equitable manner by the commissioners of Sagadahoc County and the municipal officers of Richmond by March 15, 1992.

Sec. 3. Obligations to Lincoln County. All obligations of the Town of Richmond to Lincoln County begin and are prorated as of January 1, 1992.

Sec. 4. County seat. The Town of Wiscasset remains the county seat of Lincoln County.

Sec. 5. Referenda; effective date. This Act must be submitted to the legal voters of the Town of Richmond at the regular town meeting in 1991 or at a special town meeting called for that purpose within 120 days of the approval of this Act by the Legislature. That special town meeting must be called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elec-