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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 general election; form of question; effective date.

This Act must be submitted to the legal voters of the State of Maine at the next general election in the month 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 general election, to vote on the acceptance or rejection of this Act by voting on the following question:

“Do you favor a \$3,000,000 bond issue for the acquisition of certain rail lines to ensure the continuation of rail services in rural Piscataquis, Penobscot and Waldo counties?”

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 120

H.P. 620 - L.D. 890

An Act to Enable the Department of Human Services to Have a Presence in Every County through Enhanced Administrative Flexibility

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

Sec. 1. Human services; Lincoln and Oxford counties.

In addition to other offices of the Department of Human Services providing intake services existing on the effective date of this Act, if office space is provided at no charge to the department, the department shall establish and maintain an office in Lincoln County and one in Oxford County for intake services. The departmental staff of these offices must include, but is not limited to, public health nurses, food stamp workers, other income maintenance program workers and vocational rehabilitation workers. The department shall provide the necessary equipment for the offices. The offices may be maintained on an itinerant basis but must provide services on at least a regular biweekly basis.

Sec. 2. Report. The Department of Human Services shall submit a report by November 1, 1993 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over human resources matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs. This report must include:

1. The number of Department of Human Services' physical sites in each county;
2. The number of staff hours and hours of operation at each site;
3. The number of people served at each site; and
4. The number of total income maintenance recipients and the total population of each county.

Sec. 3. Transfer of funds in fiscal year 1991-92.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Department of Human Services may transfer unexpended appropriations up to \$100,000 in fiscal year 1991-92 from any of its General Fund programs to the Income Maintenance - Regional program to contract for outstationing of eligibility workers to comply with the federal Omnibus Budget and Reconciliation Act of 1990 regulations.

See title page for effective date.