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**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

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**J.S. McCarthy Company**  
**Augusta, Maine**  
**1995**

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 \$4,000,000 bond issue for the acquisition, construction or rehabilitation of housing, including subsidized apartments for people with mental illness?"

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.

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**CHAPTER 48**

**S.P. 171 - L.D. 432**

**An Act Authorizing a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$15,000,000 to Expand Telecommunications Capabilities and Student Learning Opportunities in Maine Schools**

**Preamble.** Two thirds of both Houses of the Legislature deeming it necessary in accordance with the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 14, to authorize the issuance of bonds on behalf of the State of Maine to provide funds for a distance learning network between the State's secondary education and higher education facilities.

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

**Sec. 1. Authorization of bonds to provide access to and utilization of a statewide telecommunications network.** The Treasurer of State is authorized, under the direction of the Governor, to issue bonds in the name and on behalf of the State in an amount not exceeding \$15,000,000 to raise funds for local technology infrastructure and purchase of classroom technology equipment for the State's public schools, applied technology centers and regions, and selected public libraries so that they might connect with and utilize a statewide telecommunications infrastructure of interactive fiber optic cable and ATM (asynchronous transfer mode) switching as authorized by section 6. The bonds are a pledge of the full faith and credit of the State. The bonds may not run for a period longer than 10 years from the date of the original issue of the bonds. At the discretion of the Treasurer of State, with the approval of the Governor, any issuance of bonds may contain a call feature.

**Sec. 2. Records of bonds issued to be kept by the Treasurer of State.** The Treasurer of State shall keep an account of each bond showing the number of the bond, the name of the successful bidder to whom sold, the amount received for the bond, the date of sale and the date when payable.

**Sec. 3. Sale; how negotiated; proceeds appropriated.** The Treasurer of State may negotiate the sale of the bonds by direction of the Governor, but no bond may be loaned, pledged or hypothecated on behalf of the State. The proceeds of the sale of the bonds, which must be held by the Treasurer of State and paid by the Treasurer of State upon warrants drawn by the State Controller, are appropriated solely for the purposes set forth in this Act. Any unencumbered balances remaining at the completion of the project in section 6 lapse to the debt service account established for the retirement of these bonds.

**Sec. 4. Interest and debt retirement.** The Treasurer of State shall pay interest due or accruing on 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 Department of Education.

**Sec. 6. Allocations from General Fund bond issue; authorization of bonds to provide access to and utilization of a statewide telecommunications network.** The proceeds of the sale of bonds must be expended as designated in the following schedule.

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**EDUCATION,  
DEPARTMENT OF**

Local access costs and one-time capital costs for classroom technology infrastructure and equipment \$15,000,000

**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 \$15,000,000 bond issue to fund local telecommunications infrastructure and classroom technology equipment to enhance interactive telecommunications capabilities and student learning opportunities in the State's schools?"

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.

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**CHAPTER 49**

**S.P. 483 - L.D. 1317**

**An Act to Improve Public Access to the Maine State Museum**

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

**Sec. 1. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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**MAINE STATE MUSEUM**

**Administration - Museum**

Capital Expenditures \$3,000

Provides funds for purchase of an electric mobility device.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 50**

**H.P. 1120 - L.D. 1564**

**An Act to Provide Funds for the Building Alternatives Program**

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

**Whereas,** one of the goals of punishment is to deter recidivism; and

**Whereas,** another goal is to give the criminal offender the skills and means to avoid resorting to crime; and

**Whereas,** these goals are of highest importance for juvenile offenders; and