

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION
January 7, 1998 to March 31, 1998

SECOND SPECIAL SESSION
April 1, 1998 to April 9, 1998

THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR
SECOND REGULAR SESSION
NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS
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NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS
JULY 9, 1998

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,
TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

J.S. McCarthy Company
Augusta, Maine
1997

Highway Fund Total \$14,450,000

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 or Highway 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 the June 1998 primary election 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 \$36,985,000 bond issue for improvements to municipal and state roads, airports, state ferry vessels and terminals, transit facilities and equipment and rail and marine facilities that makes the State eligible for over \$60,000,000 in matching federal, local and private funds?"

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 83

H.P. 1431 - L.D. 1995

An Act to Appropriate Funds for Library Resource Sharing and for Acquisitions for the Maine State Library

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.

1998-99

MAINE STATE LIBRARY

Reader and Information Services - Library

All Other	\$200,000
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Provides funds on a one-time basis to increase the Maine State Library's acquisition budget for the purchase of library materials.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 84

H.P. 1521 - L.D. 2143

An Act to Restore Advocacy Services for Handicapped Students

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

Sec. 1. Funding for advocacy services for students with learning disabilities. Maine Advocacy Services shall use the funds appropriated in accordance with section 2 to provide advocacy services for students with learning disabilities as defined under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 19503, subsection 6. These funds must be utilized solely to provide students with learning disabilities with advocacy services in special education matters.

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

1998-99

MAINE ADVOCACY SERVICES

Maine Advocacy Services

All Other \$80,000

Provides funds to permit advocacy services for students with learning disabilities in special education matters.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 85

S.P. 745 - L.D. 2023

An Act to Restore Services to Maine's Elderly

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.

1998-99

HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Congregate Housing

All Other \$400,000

Provides funds for supportive services for residents of low to moderate income assisted living apartments in the Bangor area to serve the needs of residents in Eastern and Northern Maine. The department must issue a request for proposal for these services.

Purchased Social Services

All Other \$150,000

Provides funds to area agencies on aging for priority social services programs for home support.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TOTAL

\$550,000

Sec. 2. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1998-99

HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Bureau of Medical Services

All Other (\$250,000)

Deallocates funds to accurately reflect certain license fee revenue as General Fund revenue in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 1815.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 86

H.P. 1651 - L.D. 2283

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Interagency Task Force on Homelessness and Housing Opportunities

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.

1998-99

MAINE STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY

Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund

All Other \$100,000