

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE

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technology upgrades. The proceeds of the sale of bonds must be expended as designated in the following schedule except that, with the approval of the Governor, any of the amounts may be exceeded by the transfer from one item to another, not exceeding 10% of the aggregate.

MAINE TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE

Central Maine Technical College	\$3,250,000
Eastern Maine Technical College	\$4,370,000
Kennebec Valley Technical College	\$3,400,000
Northern Maine Technical College	\$3,000,000
Southern Maine Technical College	\$5,000,000
Washington County Technical College	\$3,100,000
York County Technical College	\$4,300,000

TOTAL ALLOCATIONS \$26,420,000

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 \$26,420,000 bond issue for infrastructure improvements at Maine's 7 technical colleges that must be matched by at least \$7,000,000 of private or in-kind donations?"

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 this Act, the Governor shall proclaim the result without delay, and this 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 41

H.P. 407 - L.D. 549

An Act to Fund Maine Agricultural Education Programs

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.

	1999-00	2000-01
AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF		
Office of the Commissioner		
All Other	\$20,000	\$20,000
Appropriates funds to be provided as grants to statewide agricultural organizations for the purpose of furthering the development of		

agricultural education programs across the State.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 42

H.P. 820 - L.D. 1143

An Act to Provide Funding for the Education Research Institute

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.

	1999-00	2000-01
EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF		
General Purpose Aid for Local Schools		
All Other	(\$75,000)	(\$75,000)
Deappropriates funds to partially offset appropriations provided for the Education Research Institute.		
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TOTAL	(\$75,000)	(\$75,000)
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Education Research Institute		
All Other	\$150,000	\$150,000
Provides funds to maintain the kindergarten to grade 12 education database in the amount of \$75,000 each year and funds to support targeted research projects in the amount of \$75,000 each year, for a total appropriation of \$150,000 for each year. The Legislature shall contract with the University of Maine System to continue these activities. These funds may not be used for travel.		

LEGISLATURE TOTAL	\$150,000	\$150,000
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**UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
SYSTEM, BOARD OF
TRUSTEES OF THE**

**Educational and General
Activities - UMS**

All Other	(\$75,000)	(\$75,000)
Deappropriates funds to partially offset appropriations provided for the Education Research Institute.		

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM TOTAL	(\$75,000)	(\$75,000)
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TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$0	\$0
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CHAPTER 43

S.P. 35 - L.D. 45

An Act to Appropriate \$50,000 for the Muskie Memorial Committee in Rumford

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.

	1999-00
ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF	
Miscellaneous Acts and Resolves	
All Other	\$50,000
Provides funds on a one-time basis for the Muskie Memorial Committee in Rumford.	

See title page for effective date.