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Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government by January 31, 2000. The report must contain a district master plan and details of the district's public hearing process in developing the district master plan. The governing board shall report annually on the district's activities to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters beginning on January 15, 2001. The report must include information on the district's projects, financial condition, efforts to inform and to include the public in district projects and the status of projects with respect to the district master plan.

Sec. 10. Contingent effective date; adoption by Augusta City Council. This Act takes effect only upon its formal adoption by a majority of the Augusta City Council. The Act must be presented to the Augusta City Council for adoption no sooner than 90 days after the adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.

See title page for effective date, unless otherwise indicated.

CHAPTER 59

S.P. 518 - L.D. 1552

An Act to Ensure Adequate Nutrition Services for 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.

	1999-00	2000-01
HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
Bureau of Elder and Adult Services		
All Other	\$100,000	\$100,000
Provides additional funding for Meals on Wheels.		

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 60

S.P. 748 - L.D. 2107

An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$12,500,000 to Construct Water Pollution Control Facilities and Make Other Environmental Improvements

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 to construct water pollution control facilities and make other environmental improvements.

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

Sec. 1. Authorization of bonds to provide funds to construct water pollution control facilities and make other environmental improvements. 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 \$12,500,000 to raise funds to construct water pollution control facilities; to close and clean up municipal solid waste landfills; to clean up tire stockpiles; to abate, clean up and mitigate threats to the public health and environment from uncontrolled hazardous substance sites or other hazardous waste discharges; and to make drinking water system improvements 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 Environmental Protection and the Department of Human Services.

Sec. 6. Allocations from General Fund bond issue; environmental improvements. The proceeds of the sale of bonds must be expended as designated in the following schedule.

2000-01

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF

Construction of water pollution control facilities providing the state match for \$12,500,000 in federal funds. \$7,000,000

Grants to municipalities to close and clean up solid waste landfills. \$2,500,000

Clean up tire stockpiles to protect the public health and safety and the environment. \$500,000

Abatement, cleanup and mitigation of threats to the public health and environment from uncontrolled hazardous substance sites or other hazardous waste discharges. \$1,000,000

HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Construction of drinking water system improvements for public water supplies providing the state match for \$7,500,000 in federal funds. \$1,500,000

TOTAL ALLOCATIONS \$12,500,000

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 \$12,500,000 bond issue for the following purposes:

- (1) \$7,000,000 to construct water pollution control facilities, providing the state match for \$12,500,000 in federal funds;
- (2) \$2,500,000 to protect the State's drinking water resources by granting funds to cities and towns for the closure and cleanup of their solid waste landfills;
- (3) \$500,000 to protect the public health, safety and the environment by providing funds for the cleanup of tire stockpiles;
- (4) \$1,000,000 to abate, clean up and mitigate threats to the public health and environment from uncontrolled hazardous substance sites or other hazardous waste discharges; and
- (5) \$1,500,000 to construct drinking water system improvements that address public health threats, providing the state match for \$7,500,000 in federal 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 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.
