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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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1. Account established. The Building Renovations Account, referred to in this section as the "account," is established in the Highway Fund within the department. The purpose of the account is to maintain temporary control and accountability over the receipt of funds through allocations, transfers or from other various sources that are earmarked for the building renovation project at the Department of Transportation main facility in the Capitol Complex.

2. Nonlapsing account. Any unexpended money remaining in the account at the end of a fiscal year may not lapse but must be carried forward.

3. Transfer authority. The commissioner or the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services may transfer funds from the account within the Department of Transportation to the Capital Construction and Improvement Reserve Fund, established in Title 5, section 1742-F, subsection 1 within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services. Funds may be transferred and allotted by financial order upon recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor to be used toward the expenditures of the building renovation project.

PART E

Sec. E-1. 5 MRSA §1742-F is enacted to read:

§1742-F. Capital Construction and Improvement Reserve Fund

1. Fund. The Capital Construction and Improvement Reserve Fund, referred to in this section as the "fund," is established as a program account in the Highway Fund within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services. The purpose of the fund is to maintain control and accountability over the receipt and expenditures of funds earmarked for the building renovation project at the Department of Transportation main facility in the Capitol Complex. Funds appropriated, allocated, transferred or deposited in the fund accrue interest earnings that must be used for construction and improvements of the building renovation project.

2. Use of funds. The money deposited into the fund may be used for, but is not limited to, the cost of preconstruction consultant services, preconstruction operational costs, any direct or indirect costs for repairs, renovations and construction associated with the actual project described in subsection 1 and for any debt service costs that may be incurred.

3. Nonlapsing account. Any unexpended money remaining in the fund may not lapse but must be carried forward.

4. Transfer authority. The Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services may transfer funds from the Building Renovations Account, established in Title 23, section 1655, subsection 1 to the Capital Construction and Improvement Reserve Fund within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services for the purpose of accruing interest earnings to be used for the Department of Transportation building renovation project. These funds may be transferred and allotted at any time during the fiscal year by financial order upon recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

Effective May 3, 2001.

CHAPTER 84

H.P. 195 - L.D. 206

An Act to Clarify the Use of 2-sided Ballots

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

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §848, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1995, c. 459, §100, is further amended to read:

1. Ballot format. Ballots furnished for elections must have the titles of offices and the names of candidates arranged in vertical columns. The office title with a statement of the number of candidates to be voted for must be printed above the names of the candidates for that office. The names of candidates must be printed in the order provided by law. In all except primary and nonpartisan elections, the party designation of each candidate must be printed following or below the candidate's name, in bold type. The number of columns and the length of the ballot may be adjusted as is necessary to accommodate all of the offices, candidates and write-in spaces constituting the total slate for that election. The Secretary of State shall determine the colors of paper on which each ballot must be printed. Symbols such as arrows or ovals may be used to indicate the voter's choice of candidate for each office for which the voter must either complete an arrow or completely fill in an oval to indicate the voter's choice. For ballots that are double-sided, each side of the ballot must include a clearly printed message at the bottom of the ballot reminding the voter to mark both sides of the ballot.

See title page for effective date.
