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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1409, L.D. 2094, “An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Support Maine's Agricultural and Forestry Sectors”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act to Authorize General Fund Bond Issues to Support Maine's Agricultural and Forestry Sectors, Wastewater Treatment Facilities, Public Water and Public Sewer Systems, Housing, Culverts, the University of Maine System, Transportation Infrastructure and Court Facilities'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

**'PART A**

**Sec. A-1. Authorization of bonds.** 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 \$45,000,000 for the purposes described in section 5 of this Part. 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.

**Sec. A-2. Records of bonds issued; Treasurer of State.** The Treasurer of State shall ensure that an account of each bond is kept 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. A-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 Part. Any unencumbered balances remaining at the completion of the project in this Part lapse to the Office of the Treasurer of State to be used for the retirement of general obligation bonds.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**





1           **Sec. B-3. Sale; how negotiated; proceeds appropriated.** The Treasurer of State  
2 may negotiate the sale of the bonds by direction of the Governor, but no bond may be  
3 loaned, pledged or hypothecated on behalf of the State. The proceeds of the sale of the  
4 bonds, which must be held by the Treasurer of State and paid by the Treasurer of State  
5 upon warrants drawn by the State Controller, are appropriated solely for the purposes set  
6 forth in this Part. Any unencumbered balances remaining at the completion of the project  
7 in this Part lapse to the Office of the Treasurer of State to be used for the retirement of  
8 general obligation bonds.

9           **Sec. B-4. Interest and debt retirement.** The Treasurer of State shall pay interest  
10 due or accruing on any bonds issued under this Part and all sums coming due for payment  
11 of bonds at maturity.

12           **Sec. B-5. Disbursement of bond proceeds from General Fund bond issue.**  
13 The proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized under this Part must be expended as  
14 designated in the following schedule under the direction and supervision of the agencies  
15 and entities set forth in this section.

16           **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

17           **Wastewater treatment facility planning and construction grants**

18           Provides funds for grants to assist municipalities, quasi-municipal entities and  
19 unorganized townships with wastewater treatment facility planning and construction of  
20 infrastructure projects facilitating proper management and disposal of wastewater sludge  
21 or biosolids.

22           Total \$20,000,000

23           **Sec. B-6. Contingent upon ratification of bond issue.** Sections 1 to 5 do not  
24 become effective unless the people of the State ratify the issuance of the bonds as set forth  
25 in this Part.

26           **Sec. B-7. Appropriation balances at year-end.** At the end of each fiscal year,  
27 all unencumbered appropriation balances representing state money carry forward. Bond  
28 proceeds that have not been expended within 10 years after the date of the sale of the bonds  
29 lapse to the Office of the Treasurer of State to be used for the retirement of general  
30 obligation bonds.

31           **Sec. B-8. Bonds authorized but not issued.** Any bonds authorized but not issued  
32 within 5 years of ratification of this Part are deauthorized and may not be issued, except  
33 that the Legislature may, within 2 years after the expiration of that 5-year period, extend  
34 the period for issuing any remaining unissued bonds for an additional amount of time not  
35 to exceed 5 years.

36           **Sec. B-9. Referendum for ratification; submission at election; form of**  
37 **question; effective date.** This Part must be submitted to the legal voters of the State at  
38 a statewide election held in the month of November following passage of this Act. The  
39 municipal officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns  
40 and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election,  
41 to vote on the acceptance or rejection of this Part by voting on the following question:

1 "Do you favor a \$20,000,000 bond issue for grants to assist municipalities,  
2 quasi-municipal entities and unorganized townships with wastewater  
3 treatment facility planning and construction of infrastructure projects  
4 facilitating proper management and disposal of wastewater sludge or  
5 biosolids?"

6 The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question  
7 and designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square  
8 below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted, counted and declared  
9 in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in  
10 the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review the  
11 returns. If a majority of the legal votes are cast in favor of this Part, the Governor shall  
12 proclaim the result without delay and this Part becomes effective 30 days after the date of  
13 the proclamation.

14 The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation all  
15 ballots, returns and copies of this Part necessary to carry out the purposes of this  
16 referendum.

### 17 PART C

18 **Sec. C-1. Authorization of bonds.** The Treasurer of State is authorized, under the  
19 direction of the Governor, to issue bonds in the name and on behalf of the State in an  
20 amount not exceeding \$20,000,000 for the purposes described in section 5 of this Part. The  
21 bonds are a pledge of the full faith and credit of the State. The bonds may not run for a  
22 period longer than 10 years from the date of the original issue of the bonds.

23 **Sec. C-2. Records of bonds issued; Treasurer of State.** The Treasurer of State  
24 shall ensure that an account of each bond is kept showing the number of the bond, the name  
25 of the successful bidder to whom sold, the amount received for the bond, the date of sale  
26 and the date when payable.

27 **Sec. C-3. Sale; how negotiated; proceeds appropriated.** The Treasurer of State  
28 may negotiate the sale of the bonds by direction of the Governor, but no bond may be  
29 loaned, pledged or hypothecated on behalf of the State. The proceeds of the sale of the  
30 bonds, which must be held by the Treasurer of State and paid by the Treasurer of State  
31 upon warrants drawn by the State Controller, are appropriated solely for the purposes set  
32 forth in this Part. Any unencumbered balances remaining at the completion of the project  
33 in this Part lapse to the Office of the Treasurer of State to be used for the retirement of  
34 general obligation bonds.

35 **Sec. C-4. Interest and debt retirement.** The Treasurer of State shall pay interest  
36 due or accruing on any bonds issued under this Part and all sums coming due for payment  
37 of bonds at maturity.

38 **Sec. C-5. Disbursement of bond proceeds from General Fund bond issue.**  
39 The proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized under this Part must be expended as  
40 designated in the following schedule under the direction and supervision of the agencies  
41 and entities set forth in this section.

### 42 MAINE STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY

43 New programs

1 Provides \$20,000,000 for expansion of public water and public sewer systems in areas  
2 zoned for residential use with a 100% local match requirement.

3 Total \$20,000,000

4 **Sec. C-6. Contingent upon ratification of bond issue.** Sections 1 to 5 do not  
5 become effective unless the people of the State ratify the issuance of the bonds as set forth  
6 in this Part.

7 **Sec. C-7. Appropriation balances at year-end.** At the end of each fiscal year,  
8 all unencumbered appropriation balances representing state money carry forward. Bond  
9 proceeds that have not been expended within 10 years after the date of the sale of the bonds  
10 lapse to the Office of the Treasurer of State to be used for the retirement of general  
11 obligation bonds.

12 **Sec. C-8. Bonds authorized but not issued.** Any bonds authorized but not issued  
13 within 5 years of ratification of this Part are deauthorized and may not be issued, except  
14 that the Legislature may, within 2 years after the expiration of that 5-year period, extend  
15 the period for issuing any remaining unissued bonds for an additional amount of time not  
16 to exceed 5 years.

17 **Sec. C-9. Referendum for ratification; submission at election; form of**  
18 **question; effective date.** This Part must be submitted to the legal voters of the State at  
19 a statewide election held in the month of November following passage of this Act. The  
20 municipal officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns  
21 and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election,  
22 to vote on the acceptance or rejection of this Part by voting on the following question:

23 "Do you favor a \$20,000,000 bond issue to support the expansion of  
24 residential public water and public sewer systems with a 100% local match  
25 requirement?"

26 The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question  
27 and designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square  
28 below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted, counted and declared  
29 in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in  
30 the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review the  
31 returns. If a majority of the legal votes are cast in favor of this Part, the Governor shall  
32 proclaim the result without delay and this Part becomes effective 30 days after the date of  
33 the proclamation.

34 The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation all  
35 ballots, returns and copies of this Part necessary to carry out the purposes of this  
36 referendum.

37 **PART D**

38 **Sec. D-1. Authorization of bonds.** The Treasurer of State is authorized, under the  
39 direction of the Governor, to issue bonds in the name and on behalf of the State in an  
40 amount not exceeding \$20,000,000 for the purposes described in section 5 of this Part. The  
41 bonds are a pledge of the full faith and credit of the State. The bonds may not run for a  
42 period longer than 10 years from the date of the original issue of the bonds.

1           **Sec. D-2. Records of bonds issued; Treasurer of State.** The Treasurer of State  
2 shall ensure that an account of each bond is kept showing the number of the bond, the name  
3 of the successful bidder to whom sold, the amount received for the bond, the date of sale  
4 and the date when payable.

5           **Sec. D-3. Sale; how negotiated; proceeds appropriated.** The Treasurer of State  
6 may negotiate the sale of the bonds by direction of the Governor, but no bond may be  
7 loaned, pledged or hypothecated on behalf of the State. The proceeds of the sale of the  
8 bonds, which must be held by the Treasurer of State and paid by the Treasurer of State  
9 upon warrants drawn by the State Controller, are appropriated solely for the purposes set  
10 forth in this Part. Any unencumbered balances remaining at the completion of the project  
11 in this Part lapse to the Office of the Treasurer of State to be used for the retirement of  
12 general obligation bonds.

13           **Sec. D-4. Interest and debt retirement.** The Treasurer of State shall pay interest  
14 due or accruing on any bonds issued under this Part and all sums coming due for payment  
15 of bonds at maturity.

16           **Sec. D-5. Disbursement of bond proceeds from General Fund bond issue.**  
17 The proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized under this Part must be expended as  
18 designated in the following schedule under the direction and supervision of the agencies  
19 and entities set forth in this section.

## 20 MAINE STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY

### 21 Ongoing programs

22           Provides \$15,000,000 for the authority's rural affordable housing rental program and  
23 \$5,000,000 for a pilot program supporting the construction of new homes in mobile  
24 home parks through infill, expansion or new development, with restrictive covenants on  
25 the newly created units to ensure affordability.

26 Total \$20,000,000

27           **Sec. D-6. Contingent upon ratification of bond issue.** Sections 1 to 5 do not  
28 become effective unless the people of the State ratify the issuance of the bonds as set forth  
29 in this Part.

30           **Sec. D-7. Appropriation balances at year-end.** At the end of each fiscal year,  
31 all unencumbered appropriation balances representing state money carry forward. Bond  
32 proceeds that have not been expended within 10 years after the date of the sale of the bonds  
33 lapse to the Office of the Treasurer of State to be used for the retirement of general  
34 obligation bonds.

35           **Sec. D-8. Bonds authorized but not issued.** Any bonds authorized but not issued  
36 within 5 years of ratification of this Part are deauthorized and may not be issued, except  
37 that the Legislature may, within 2 years after the expiration of that 5-year period, extend  
38 the period for issuing any remaining unissued bonds for an additional amount of time not  
39 to exceed 5 years.

40           **Sec. D-9. Referendum for ratification; submission at election; form of**  
41 **question; effective date.** This Part must be submitted to the legal voters of the State at  
42 a statewide election held in the month of November following passage of this Act. The

1 municipal officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns  
2 and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election,  
3 to vote on the acceptance or rejection of this Part by voting on the following question:

4 "Do you favor a \$20,000,000 bond issue to support the Maine State Housing  
5 Authority's rural affordable housing rental program and a pilot program supporting  
6 the construction of new homes in mobile home parks?"

7 The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question  
8 and designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square  
9 below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted, counted and declared  
10 in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in  
11 the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review the  
12 returns. If a majority of the legal votes are cast in favor of this Part, the Governor shall  
13 proclaim the result without delay and this Part becomes effective 30 days after the date of  
14 the proclamation.

15 The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation all  
16 ballots, returns and copies of this Part necessary to carry out the purposes of this  
17 referendum.

## 18 PART E

19 **Sec. E-1. Authorization of bonds.** The Treasurer of State is authorized, under the  
20 direction of the Governor, to issue bonds in the name and on behalf of the State in an  
21 amount not exceeding \$15,000,000 for the purposes described in section 5 of this Part. The  
22 bonds are a pledge of the full faith and credit of the State. The bonds may not run for a  
23 period longer than 10 years from the date of the original issue of the bonds.

24 **Sec. E-2. Records of bonds issued; Treasurer of State.** The Treasurer of State  
25 shall ensure that an account of each bond is kept showing the number of the bond, the name  
26 of the successful bidder to whom sold, the amount received for the bond, the date of sale  
27 and the date when payable.

28 **Sec. E-3. Sale; how negotiated; proceeds appropriated.** The Treasurer of State  
29 may negotiate the sale of the bonds by direction of the Governor, but no bond may be  
30 loaned, pledged or hypothecated on behalf of the State. The proceeds of the sale of the  
31 bonds, which must be held by the Treasurer of State and paid by the Treasurer of State  
32 upon warrants drawn by the State Controller, are appropriated solely for the purposes set  
33 forth in this Part. Any unencumbered balances remaining at the completion of the project  
34 in this Part lapse to the Office of the Treasurer of State to be used for the retirement of  
35 general obligation bonds.

36 **Sec. E-4. Interest and debt retirement.** The Treasurer of State shall pay interest  
37 due or accruing on any bonds issued under this Part and all sums coming due for payment  
38 of bonds at maturity.

39 **Sec. E-5. Disbursement of bond proceeds from General Fund bond issue.**  
40 The proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized under this Part must be expended as  
41 designated in the following schedule under the direction and supervision of the agencies  
42 and entities set forth in this section.

43 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

1 Provides funds for a competitive grant program that matches local funding for the  
2 upgrade of municipal culverts at stream crossings in order to improve fish and wildlife  
3 habitats and increase community safety. Eligible project sponsors include local  
4 governments, municipal conservation commissions, soil and water conservation districts  
5 and private nonprofit organizations. A proposal for funding from an eligible project  
6 sponsor must include a map and summary of the proposed project, describing:

7 **1. Contribution to competitive grant program goals.** The extent to which the  
8 proposed project allows communities to more effectively prepare for storm and flood  
9 events and advances the goals of restoring habitat for fish, including sea-run fish and native  
10 brook trout, and wildlife, including:

11 A. The priority status of the culvert to be upgraded or replaced for native brook trout  
12 and sea-run fish restoration, based on available stream survey data, statewide  
13 prioritization for aquatic connectivity and presence in priority watersheds of salmon,  
14 alewives and other diadromous fishes;

15 B. The extent to which the proposed project meets the Department of Transportation  
16 design standard of at least 1.2 times the stream's bankfull width, with a natural stream  
17 bottom or embedded structure, and meets or exceeds the Department of  
18 Transportation's 50-year flood standard;

19 C. The degree of urgency of the proposed project, including whether a culvert is at  
20 high risk of failure due to age or location within a watershed or reach with high flood  
21 risk or severe flood history; and

22 D. The expected contribution to reducing the frequency or severity of flooding to  
23 upstream and downstream communities and improving storm water management  
24 within the proposed project area.

25 The description must include confirmation that the culvert proposed for upgrade or  
26 replacement is on a municipal road, not a state road or private road; and

27 **2. Cost-effectiveness.** The extent to which the proposed project represents an efficient  
28 and cost-effective investment, including the proportion of total project funding that will be  
29 provided from other sources and the potential avoided costs associated with the proposed  
30 project. Funds may not be used to cover all of the costs associated with a proposed project.

31 Total \$15,000,000

32 **Sec. E-6. Contingent upon ratification of bond issue.** Sections 1 to 5 do not  
33 become effective unless the people of the State ratify the issuance of the bonds as set forth  
34 in this Part.

35 **Sec. E-7. Appropriation balances at year-end.** At the end of each fiscal year,  
36 all unencumbered appropriation balances representing state money carry forward. Bond  
37 proceeds that have not been expended within 10 years after the date of the sale of the bonds  
38 lapse to the Office of the Treasurer of State to be used for the retirement of general  
39 obligation bonds.

40 **Sec. E-8. Bonds authorized but not issued.** Any bonds authorized but not issued  
41 within 5 years of ratification of this Part are deauthorized and may not be issued, except  
42 that the Legislature may, within 2 years after the expiration of that 5-year period, extend

1 the period for issuing any remaining unissued bonds for an additional amount of time not  
2 to exceed 5 years.

3 **Sec. E-9. Referendum for ratification; submission at election; form of**  
4 **question; effective date.** This Part must be submitted to the legal voters of the State at  
5 a statewide election held in the month of November following passage of this Act. The  
6 municipal officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns  
7 and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election,  
8 to vote on the acceptance or rejection of this Part by voting on the following question:

9 "Do you favor a \$15,000,000 bond issue to match local funding for the  
10 upgrade of municipal culverts at stream crossings in order to enhance and  
11 restore rivers, streams and fish and wildlife habitats and to allow  
12 communities to better prepare for extreme storms and floods?"

13 The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question  
14 and designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square  
15 below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted, counted and declared  
16 in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in  
17 the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review the  
18 returns. If a majority of the legal votes are cast in favor of this Part, the Governor shall  
19 proclaim the result without delay and this Part becomes effective 30 days after the date of  
20 the proclamation.

21 The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation all  
22 ballots, returns and copies of this Part necessary to carry out the purposes of this  
23 referendum.

## 24 PART F

25 **Sec. F-1. Authorization of bonds.** The Treasurer of State is authorized, under the  
26 direction of the Governor, to issue bonds in the name and on behalf of the State in an  
27 amount not exceeding \$18,522,412 for the purposes described in section 5 of this Part. The  
28 bonds are a pledge of the full faith and credit of the State. The bonds may not run for a  
29 period longer than 10 years from the date of the original issue of the bonds.

30 **Sec. F-2. Records of bonds issued; Treasurer of State.** The Treasurer of State  
31 shall ensure that an account of each bond is kept showing the number of the bond, the name  
32 of the successful bidder to whom sold, the amount received for the bond, the date of sale  
33 and the date when payable.

34 **Sec. F-3. Sale; how negotiated; proceeds appropriated.** The Treasurer of State  
35 may negotiate the sale of the bonds by direction of the Governor, but no bond may be  
36 loaned, pledged or hypothecated on behalf of the State. The proceeds of the sale of the  
37 bonds, which must be held by the Treasurer of State and paid by the Treasurer of State  
38 upon warrants drawn by the State Controller, are appropriated solely for the purposes set  
39 forth in this Part. Any unencumbered balances remaining at the completion of the project  
40 in this Part lapse to the Office of the Treasurer of State to be used for the retirement of  
41 general obligation bonds.

1           **Sec. F-4. Interest and debt retirement.** The Treasurer of State shall pay interest  
2 due or accruing on any bonds issued under this Part and all sums coming due for payment  
3 of bonds at maturity.

4           **Sec. F-5. Disbursement of bond proceeds from General Fund bond issue.**  
5 The proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized under this Part must be expended as  
6 designated in the following schedule under the direction and supervision of the agencies  
7 and entities set forth in this section.

8           **UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM**

9           Provides funds, to be matched by private and other funds, to strengthen the universities'  
10 fiscal positions through reductions in vacant and underutilized space across the campuses  
11 of the University of Maine System to improve student recruitment and retention and  
12 public safety and reduce ongoing operation and maintenance costs and energy usage.  
13 Projects must be aligned with the universities' respective capital plans and the University  
14 of Maine System's and the State's strategic plans and approved consistent with the  
15 policies of the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System.

16           Total \$18,522,412

17           **Sec. F-6. Contingent upon ratification of bond issue.** Sections 1 to 5 do not  
18 become effective unless the people of the State ratify the issuance of the bonds as set forth  
19 in this Part.

20           **Sec. F-7. Appropriation balances at year-end.** At the end of each fiscal year,  
21 all unencumbered appropriation balances representing state money carry forward. Bond  
22 proceeds that have not been expended within 10 years after the date of the sale of the bonds  
23 lapse to the Office of the Treasurer of State to be used for the retirement of general  
24 obligation bonds.

25           **Sec. F-8. Bonds authorized but not issued.** Any bonds authorized but not issued  
26 within 5 years of ratification of this Part are deauthorized and may not be issued, except  
27 that the Legislature may, within 2 years after the expiration of that 5-year period, extend  
28 the period for issuing any remaining unissued bonds for an additional amount of time not  
29 to exceed 5 years.

30           **Sec. F-9. Referendum for ratification; submission at election; form of**  
31 **question; effective date.** This Part must be submitted to the legal voters of the State at  
32 a statewide election held in the month of November following passage of this Act. The  
33 municipal officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns  
34 and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election,  
35 to vote on the acceptance or rejection of this Part by voting on the following question:

36                   "Do you favor an \$18,522,412 bond issue, to be matched by private and  
37 other funds, for the removal of vacant and underutilized buildings across  
38 Maine's public universities to improve student recruitment and retention  
39 and public safety and reduce ongoing operating and maintenance costs and  
40 energy usage?"

41           The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question  
42 and designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square  
43 below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted, counted and declared

1 in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in  
2 the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review the  
3 returns. If a majority of the legal votes are cast in favor of this Part, the Governor shall  
4 proclaim the result without delay and this Part becomes effective 30 days after the date of  
5 the proclamation.

6 The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation all  
7 ballots, returns and copies of this Part necessary to carry out the purposes of this  
8 referendum.

9 **PART G**

10 **Sec. G-1. Authorization of bonds.** The Treasurer of State is authorized, under the  
11 direction of the Governor, to issue bonds in the name and on behalf of the State in an  
12 amount not exceeding \$65,000,000 for the purposes described in section 5 of this Part. The  
13 bonds are a pledge of the full faith and credit of the State. The bonds may not run for a  
14 period longer than 10 years from the date of the original issue of the bonds.

15 **Sec. G-2. Records of bonds issued; Treasurer of State.** The Treasurer of State  
16 shall ensure that an account of each bond is kept showing the number of the bond, the name  
17 of the successful bidder to whom sold, the amount received for the bond, the date of sale  
18 and the date when payable.

19 **Sec. G-3. Sale; how negotiated; proceeds appropriated.** The Treasurer of State  
20 may negotiate the sale of the bonds by direction of the Governor, but no bond may be  
21 loaned, pledged or hypothecated on behalf of the State. The proceeds of the sale of the  
22 bonds, which must be held by the Treasurer of State and paid by the Treasurer of State  
23 upon warrants drawn by the State Controller, are appropriated solely for the purposes set  
24 forth in this Part. Any unencumbered balances remaining at the completion of the project  
25 in this Part lapse to the Office of the Treasurer of State to be used for the retirement of  
26 general obligation bonds.

27 **Sec. G-4. Interest and debt retirement.** The Treasurer of State shall pay interest  
28 due or accruing on any bonds issued under this Part and all sums coming due for payment  
29 of bonds at maturity.

30 **Sec. G-5. Disbursement of bond proceeds from General Fund bond issue.**  
31 The proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized under this Part must be expended as  
32 designated in the following schedule under the direction and supervision of the agencies  
33 and entities set forth in this section.

34 **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

35 Provides funds to construct, reconstruct or rehabilitate Priority 1, Priority 2 and Priority  
36 3 state highways under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 73, subsection 7  
37 and associated improvements, for the department's municipal partnership initiative and  
38 to replace and rehabilitate bridges.

39 Total \$60,000,000

40 Provides funds for facilities or equipment related to ports, harbors, marine transportation,  
41 aviation, freight and passenger railroads, transit and bicycle and pedestrian trails that  
42 preserve public safety or otherwise have demonstrated high transportation economic  
43 value, including property acquisition.

1 Total \$5,000,000

2 **Sec. G-6. Contingent upon ratification of bond issue.** Sections 1 to 5 do not  
3 become effective unless the people of the State ratify the issuance of the bonds as set forth  
4 in this Part.

5 **Sec. G-7. Appropriation balances at year-end.** At the end of each fiscal year,  
6 all unencumbered appropriation balances representing state money carry forward. Bond  
7 proceeds that have not been expended within 10 years after the date of the sale of the bonds  
8 lapse to the Office of the Treasurer of State to be used for the retirement of general  
9 obligation bonds.

10 **Sec. G-8. Bonds authorized but not issued.** Any bonds authorized but not issued  
11 within 5 years of ratification of this Part are deauthorized and may not be issued, except  
12 that the Legislature may, within 2 years after the expiration of that 5-year period, extend  
13 the period for issuing any remaining unissued bonds for an additional amount of time not  
14 to exceed 5 years.

15 **Sec. G-9. Referendum for ratification; submission at election; form of**  
16 **question; effective date.** This Part must be submitted to the legal voters of the State at  
17 a statewide election held in the month of November following passage of this Act. The  
18 municipal officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns  
19 and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election,  
20 to vote on the acceptance or rejection of this Part by voting on the following question:

21 "Do you favor a \$65,000,000 bond issue for reconstruction and  
22 rehabilitation of highways and bridges and for facilities or equipment  
23 related to ports, harbors, marine transportation, aviation, freight and  
24 passenger railroads, transit and bicycle and pedestrian trails, to be used to  
25 match an estimated \$164,450,000 in federal and other funds?"

26 The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question  
27 and designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square  
28 below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted, counted and declared  
29 in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in  
30 the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review the  
31 returns. If a majority of the legal votes are cast in favor of this Part, the Governor shall  
32 proclaim the result without delay and this Part becomes effective 30 days after the date of  
33 the proclamation.

34 The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation all  
35 ballots, returns and copies of this Part necessary to carry out the purposes of this  
36 referendum.

37 **PART H**

38 **Sec. H-1. Authorization of bonds.** The Treasurer of State is authorized, under the  
39 direction of the Governor, to issue bonds in the name and on behalf of the State in an  
40 amount not exceeding \$4,000,000 for the purposes described in section 5 of this Part. The  
41 bonds are a pledge of the full faith and credit of the State. The bonds may not run for a  
42 period longer than 10 years from the date of the original issue of the bonds.

1           **Sec. H-2. Records of bonds issued; Treasurer of State.** The Treasurer of State  
2 shall ensure that an account of each bond is kept showing the number of the bond, the name  
3 of the successful bidder to whom sold, the amount received for the bond, the date of sale  
4 and the date when payable.

5           **Sec. H-3. Sale; how negotiated; proceeds appropriated.** The Treasurer of State  
6 may negotiate the sale of the bonds by direction of the Governor, but no bond may be  
7 loaned, pledged or hypothecated on behalf of the State. The proceeds of the sale of the  
8 bonds, which must be held by the Treasurer of State and paid by the Treasurer of State  
9 upon warrants drawn by the State Controller, are appropriated solely for the purposes set  
10 forth in this Part. Any unencumbered balances remaining at the completion of the project  
11 in this Part lapse to the Office of the Treasurer of State to be used for the retirement of  
12 general obligation bonds.

13           **Sec. H-4. Interest and debt retirement.** The Treasurer of State shall pay interest  
14 due or accruing on any bonds issued under this Part and all sums coming due for payment  
15 of bonds at maturity.

16           **Sec. H-5. Disbursement of bond proceeds from General Fund bond issue.**  
17 The proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized under this Part must be expended as  
18 designated in the following schedule under the direction and supervision of the agencies  
19 and entities set forth in this section.

## 20 JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

21           Provides funds for the design, construction, equipping and furnishing of a courthouse  
22 facility of approximately 5,000 square feet in the Town of Newport, including related  
23 site improvements.

24 Total \$4,000,000

25           **Sec. H-6. Contingent upon ratification of bond issue.** Sections 1 to 5 do not  
26 become effective unless the people of the State ratify the issuance of the bonds as set forth  
27 in this Part.

28           **Sec. H-7. Appropriation balances at year-end.** At the end of each fiscal year,  
29 all unencumbered appropriation balances representing state money carry forward. Bond  
30 proceeds that have not been expended within 10 years after the date of the sale of the bonds  
31 lapse to the Office of the Treasurer of State to be used for the retirement of general  
32 obligation bonds.

33           **Sec. H-8. Bonds authorized but not issued.** Any bonds authorized but not issued  
34 within 5 years of ratification of this Part are deauthorized and may not be issued, except  
35 that the Legislature may, within 2 years after the expiration of that 5-year period, extend  
36 the period for issuing any remaining unissued bonds for an additional amount of time not  
37 to exceed 5 years.

38           **Sec. H-9. Referendum for ratification; submission at election; form of**  
39 **question; effective date.** This Part must be submitted to the legal voters of the State at  
40 a statewide election held in the month of November following passage of this Act. The  
41 municipal officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns  
42 and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election,  
43 to vote on the acceptance or rejection of this Part by voting on the following question:

1 "Do you favor a \$4,000,000 bond issue to support financing the design,  
2 construction, equipping and furnishing of a courthouse facility of  
3 approximately 5,000 square feet in the Town of Newport, including related  
4 site improvements?"

5 The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question  
6 and designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square  
7 below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted, counted and declared  
8 in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in  
9 the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review the  
10 returns. If a majority of the legal votes are cast in favor of this Part, the Governor shall  
11 proclaim the result without delay and this Part becomes effective 30 days after the date of  
12 the proclamation.

13 The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation all  
14 ballots, returns and copies of this Part necessary to carry out the purposes of this  
15 referendum.'

16 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section  
17 number to read consecutively.

18 **SUMMARY**

19 **PART A**

20 The funds provided by this Part's bond issue, in the amount of \$45,000,000, will be  
21 used to support the agricultural and forestry sectors in the State.

22 **PART B**

23 The funds provided by this Part's bond issue, in the amount of \$20,000,000, will be  
24 used for grants to assist municipalities, quasi-municipal entities and unorganized townships  
25 with wastewater treatment facility planning and construction of infrastructure projects  
26 facilitating proper management and disposal of wastewater sludge or biosolids.

27 **PART C**

28 The funds provided by this Part's bond issue, in the amount of \$20,000,000, will be  
29 used to support the expansion of residential public water and public sewer systems.

30 **PART D**

31 The funds provided by this Part's bond issue, in the amount of \$20,000,000, will be  
32 used to support the Maine State Housing Authority's rural affordable housing rental  
33 program and a pilot program supporting the construction of new homes in mobile home  
34 parks.

35 **PART E**

36 The funds provided by this Part's bond issue, in the amount of \$15,000,000, will be  
37 used for a competitive grant program that matches local funding for the upgrade of  
38 municipal culverts at stream crossings in order to enhance and restore rivers, streams and  
39 fish and wildlife habitats and to allow communities to better prepare for extreme storms  
40 and floods.

41 **PART F**

