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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE

AN ACT to Provide for the Issue of State of Maine Building Construction Bonds for the Construction and Equipment of State Buildings.

Preamble. Two-thirds of both houses of the legislature deeming it necessary in accordance with section 14 of article IX of the constitution to provide for the issue of bonds for the construction and equipment of state buildings.

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

Sec. 1. Treasurer of state to issue bonds. The treasurer of state is hereby authorized, under the direction of the governor and council, to issue from time to time serial coupon bonds in the name and behalf of the state to an amount not exceeding $3,200,000 for the purpose of raising funds for the construction and improvement of the state buildings as specified in section 7.

Sec. 2. Bonds; conditions. Said bonds shall be payable serially at the state treasury within 25 years from the date of issue, at a rate of interest not exceeding 2½% per year, interest payable semiannually, and shall be signed by the treasurer of state, countersigned by the governor, and attested by the state auditor, with the seal of the state affixed. Five years af-

ter issue, these bonds shall be redeemable by the state on any interest date in such amounts as may be determined by the governor and council. The coupons attached to said bonds shall bear the facsimile of the signature of the treasurer of state; and such bonds and coupons shall be of such denominations and form and upon such terms and conditions, not inconsistent herewith, as the governor and council shall direct. Said bonds, together with the proceeds thereof, shall be designated as "State of Maine Building Construction" bonds, for the purposes set forth in section 7 and shall be deemed a pledge of the faith and credit of the state, and when paid at maturity or otherwise retired shall not be reissued.

Sec. 3. Records of bonds issued to be kept by state auditor and treasurer. The state auditor shall keep an account of such bonds, showing the number and amount of each, the date of countersigning, the date when payable and the date of delivery thereof to the treasurer of state, who shall keep an account of each bond, showing the number thereof, the name of the person to whom sold, the amount received for the same, the date of sale and the date when payable.

Sec. 4. Sale, how negotiated; proceeds appropriated. The treasurer of state may negotiate the sale of such bonds by direction of the governor and council; but no such bond shall be loaned, pledged or hypothecated in behalf of the state. The proceeds of the sales of such bonds, which shall be held by the treasurer of state and paid by him upon warrants drawn by the governor and council, are hereby appropriated to be used solely for the purposes set forth in section 7. Any balance unexpended shall not lapse, but shall be carried forward to the same account to be used only for the purposes set forth herein.

Sec. 5. Proceeds of bonds not available for other purposes; must be kept separate from other funds. The proceeds of all bonds issued under the authority of this act shall at all times be kept distinct from all other moneys of the state and shall not be drawn upon or be available for any other purpose.

Sec. 6. Interest and debt retirement. Interest due or accruing upon any bonds issued under the provisions of this act and all sums coming due for payment of bonds at maturity shall be paid by the treasurer of state from the general fund.

Sec. 7. Disbursement of bond proceeds. The proceeds of such bonds shall be expended under the direction and supervision of the governor and council for the following purposes:

NEW CONSTRUCTION

Augusta State Hospital

Storeroom and refrigerator room	
Kitchen building expansion	
Expansion of chapel and library	$200,000
Completion and furnishing clinical directors home	8,000
Increased toilet facilities on wards	40,000
Erection of 2 150 bed buildings for female patients including furnishings (no breakdown)	900,000
Sprinkler system	
Central building, Sanborn and mechanical	34,000
Construction of repairing wards—male and female	28,000
2 duplex houses and furnishings for married staff	64,000
Renovating heating system—Stone building	105,000
Addition—carpentry shop	10,000
Enlarge and remodel laundry	60,000
Construction of TB building, including furnishings and equipment	350,000

Bangor State Hospital

Construction of laundry building	80,000
Construction of 2 6 room frame structures for physicians and families at $14,000	24,000
Installation of automatic sprinkler system	100,000

Central Maine Sanatorium

Building	93,000
Equipment	25,000

Gorham State Teachers College

Constructing and equipping a men's dormitory	275,000

Farmington State Teachers College

Constructing and equipping a classroom and library building and for converting and renovating the present library space	520,000

State Teachers Colleges and Normal Schools

Deferred maintenance	225,000

Referendum. The aldermen of cities, the selectmen of towns and the assessors of the several plantations of this state are hereby empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet in the manner prescribed by law for calling and holding biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the elections of senators and representatives, at the next general or special state-wide election held on a 2nd Monday in September, to give in their votes upon the acceptance or rejection of the foregoing act, and the question shall be: "Shall 'An Act to Provide for the Issue of State of Maine Building Construction Bonds for the Construction and Equipment of State Buildings,' passed by the 95th legislature, be accepted?"

And the inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed within a square upon their ballots their opinion of the same, those in favor of said act voting "Yes" and those opposed to said act voting "No" and the ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings, and return made to the office of the secretary of state in the same manner as votes for governor and members of the legislature, and the governor and council shall count the same and if it shall appear that a majority of the inhabitants voting on the question are in favor of the act, the governor shall forthwith make known the fact by his proclamation, and the act shall thereupon become effective as of the date of said proclamation.

Secretary of state shall prepare ballots. The secretary of state shall prepare and furnish to the several cities, towns and plantations ballots and blank returns in conformity with the foregoing act, accompanied by a copy thereof.