

**Maine Citizen's Guide to the
Referendum Election**

Tuesday, November 5, 2013



**In Accordance with
the Acts Passed by the 126th Legislature
at the First Special Session**

**Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State**

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Dear Fellow Citizen,

The information in this booklet is intended to help voters learn about the questions that will appear on the November 5, 2013 Referendum Election ballot. Referendum elections are an important part of the heritage of public participation in Maine.

Inside this booklet, you will find:

- ◆ the referendum questions;
- ◆ the legislation each question represents;
- ◆ a summary of the intent and content of the legislation;
- ◆ an explanation of the significance of a “yes” or “no” vote;
- ◆ an analysis of the debt service on the bond issues; and
- ◆ an estimate of the fiscal impact of each referendum question on state revenues, appropriations and allocations.

For information about how and where to vote, please contact your local municipal clerk or call Maine’s Division of Elections at 624-7650. Information is also available online at www.maine.gov/sos.

The Department of the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, the State Treasurer and the Office of Fiscal and Program Review have worked together to prepare this booklet of information and we hope you find it helpful.

Sincerely,



Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State

**State of Maine
Referendum Election, November 5, 2013
Listing of Referendum Questions**

Question 1: Bond Issue

Do you favor a \$14,000,000 bond issue to provide funds for the State's share of maintenance, repair, capital improvement, modernization and energy efficiency projects for Maine Army National Guard readiness centers and support facilities and the purchase of land for training and to draw down federal matching funds?

Question 2: Bond Issue

Do you favor a \$15,500,000 bond issue to enhance educational and employment opportunities for Maine citizens and students by updating and improving existing laboratory and classroom facilities of the University of Maine System statewide?

Question 3: Bond Issue

Do you favor a \$100,000,000 bond issue for reconstruction and rehabilitation of highways and bridges and for facilities or equipment related to ports, harbors, marine transportation, freight and passenger railroads, aviation and transit, to be used to match an estimated \$154,000,000 in federal and other funds?

Question 4: Bond Issue

Do you favor a \$4,500,000 bond issue to provide funds for a public-private partnership for a building project for a new science facility at the Maine Maritime Academy to be matched by other funds?

Question 5: Bond Issue

Do you favor a \$15,500,000 bond issue to upgrade buildings, classrooms and laboratories on the 7 campuses of the Maine Community College System in order to increase capacity to serve more students through expanded programs in health care, precision machining, information technology, criminal justice and other key programs?

Treasurer's Statement

The State of Maine borrows money by issuing bonds. General Obligation bonds are backed by the full faith and credit of the State and must be submitted statewide to the electors for ratification.

Upon ratification, the Treasurer borrows money as needed to fund the approved bond projects and uses a rapid 10-year retirement of principal approach to retiring the debt.

If these bond proposals are ratified, General Obligation debt service as a percentage of the State's General Fund, Highway Fund and Revenue Sharing appropriations is expected to be 3.03% in FY15 and 2.81% in FY16.

The following is a summary of general obligation bond debt of the State of Maine as of **September 30, 2013**.

Bonds Outstanding (Issued and Maturing through 2022):

	Principal	Interest	Total
Highway Fund	\$107,505,000	\$17,407,008	\$124,912,008
General Fund	\$239,665,000	\$35,538,895	\$275,203,895
Total	\$347,170,000	\$52,945,903	\$400,115,903

9/30/2013 Unissued Bonds Authorized by Voters: **\$ 104,577,809**

Unissued Bonds Authorized by the Constitution and Laws: **\$ 99,000,000**

Total Authorized but Unissued Bonds: **\$ 203,577,809**

The total amounts that must be paid in the present fiscal year for bonded debt already outstanding (for FY2014): **\$ 98,183,857**

If the bonds submitted here are approved by voters and issued for the full statutory period authorized, an estimate of the total interest and principal that may reasonably be expected to be paid is **\$182,390,000**, representing **\$149,500,000** in principal and **\$32,890,000** in interest.



Neria R. Douglass, Treasurer of State

Question 1: Bond Issue

Do you favor a \$14,000,000 bond issue to provide funds for the State's share of maintenance, repair, capital improvements, modernization and energy efficiency projects for Maine Army National Guard readiness centers and support facilities and the purchase of land for training and to draw down federal matching funds?

**STATE OF MAINE
Chapter 432
Public Laws of 2013
Approved August 30, 2013**

“An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Maintenance and Improvement of State Armories and the Purchase of Land for Maine Army National Guard Training”

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 as described in this Act,

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

Sec. 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 \$14,000,000 for the purposes described in section 5 of this Act. 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. 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. 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 this Act lapse to the Office of the Treasurer of State to be used for the retirement of general obligation 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 from General Fund bond issue. The proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized under this Act must be expended as designated in the following schedule under the direction and supervision of the agencies and entities set forth in this section.

**DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT,
DEPARTMENT OF**

Provides funds for the State's share of maintenance, repair, capital improvement, modernization and energy efficiency projects for Maine Army National Guard readiness centers and support facilities.

Total \$11,000,000

Provides funds for the purchase of up to 6,000 acres of land to be used by the Maine Army National Guard for training purposes and for facilities related to training purposes to allow the Maine Army National Guard to transition from a strategic reserve to an operational force.

Total \$3,000,000

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

Sec. 7. 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 the Office of the Treasurer of State to be used for the retirement of general obligation bonds.

Sec. 8. Bonds authorized but not issued. Any bonds authorized but 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 for an additional amount of time not to exceed 5 years.

Sec. 9. Referendum for ratification; submission at election; form of question; effective date. This Act must be submitted to the legal voters of the State at a statewide election held in the month 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 \$14,000,000 bond issue to provide funds for the State's share of maintenance, repair, capital improvement, modernization and energy efficiency projects for Maine Army National Guard readiness centers and support facilities and the purchase of land for training and to draw down federal matching 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. 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 purposes of this referendum.

Intent and Content
Prepared by the Office of the Attorney General

This Act would authorize the State to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed fourteen million dollars (\$14,000,000), to raise funds for Maine Army National Guard facilities as described below. The bonds would run for a period not longer than 10 years from the date of issue and would be backed by the full faith and credit of the State.

Proceeds from the sale of these bonds would be administered by the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management for the following purposes:

\$11,000,000 to provide the State's share of costs for maintenance and repair projects, capital improvements, and modernization and energy efficiency improvement projects at Maine Army National Guard readiness centers (armories) and support facilities across the state. These funds are expected to leverage up to \$14,000,000 in federal funds in fiscal years 2015-2019.

\$3,000,000 to purchase up to 6,000 acres of land to be used for training purposes by the Maine Army National Guard, and for facilities related to training. Federal funds cannot be used to acquire land for training, but federal funds may be used for operation and maintenance costs after acquisition.

If approved, the authorization of these bonds would take effect 30 days after the Governor's proclamation of the vote.

A "YES" vote approves the issuance of up to fourteen million dollars (\$14,000,000) in general obligation bonds to finance the activities described above.

A "NO" vote disapproves the bond issue in its entirety.

Debt Service
Prepared by the Office of the Treasurer

Total estimated lifetime cost is **\$17,080,000** representing **\$14,000,000** in principal and **\$3,080,000** in interest (assuming interest at 4% over 10 years).

Fiscal Impact Statement
Prepared by the Office of Fiscal and Program Review

This bond issue has no significant fiscal impact other than the debt service costs identified above.

Public Comments

No public comments were filed in support of or in opposition to Question 1.

Question 2: Bond Issue

Do you favor a \$15,500,000 bond issue to enhance educational and employment opportunities for Maine citizens and students by updating and improving existing laboratory and classroom facilities of the University of Maine System statewide?

STATE OF MAINE
Chapter 430
Public Laws of 2013
Approved August 30, 2013

“An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Nursing Education To Enhance Economic Development”

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 as described in this Act,

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

Sec. 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 \$15,500,000 for the purposes described in section 5 of this Act. 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.

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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 this Act lapse to the Office of the Treasurer of State to be used for the retirement of general obligation 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 from General Fund bond issue. The proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized under this Act must be expended as designated in the following schedule under the direction and supervision of the agencies and entities set forth in this section.

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM

Provides funds for the construction and renovation of necessary capital infrastructure improvements and for equipment to support the critical disciplines of science, technology, engineering and mathematics on the Orono campus.

Total \$5,500,000

Provides funds to renovate and upgrade science and nursing laboratories on the Augusta and Bangor campuses.

Total \$1,200,000

Provides funds to renovate the science facilities in Preble Hall and Ricker Hall on the Farmington campus.

Total \$1,200,000

Provides funds to renovate and expand the nursing laboratory and to support geographic information system technology applications in forestry on the Fort Kent campus.

Total \$1,200,000

Provides funds to renovate and improve Powers Hall and to upgrade the laboratory in the science building on the Machias campus.

Total \$1,200,000

Provides funds to renovate and upgrade the facilities, equipment and furnishings for the science, technology, engineering and mathematics facilities on the Presque Isle campus.

Total \$1,200,000

Provides funds to renovate laboratories on the University of Southern Maine campuses.

Total \$4,000,000

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

Sec. 7. 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 the Office of the Treasurer of State to be used for the retirement of general obligation bonds.

Sec. 8. Bonds authorized but not issued. Any bonds authorized but 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 for an additional amount of time not to exceed 5 years.

Sec. 9. Referendum for ratification; submission at election; form of question; effective date. This Act must be submitted to the legal voters of the State at a statewide election held in the month 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 \$15,500,000 bond issue to enhance educational and employment opportunities for Maine citizens and students by updating and improving existing laboratory and classroom facilities of the University of Maine System statewide?"

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. 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 purposes of this referendum.

Intent and Content **Prepared by the Office of the Attorney General**

This Act would authorize the State to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed fifteen million five hundred thousand dollars (\$15,500,000), to raise funds for facility improvements at University of Maine System campuses, as described below. The bonds would run for a period not longer than 10 years from the date of issue and would be backed by the full faith and credit of the State.

Proceeds from the sale of these bonds would be spent by the University of Maine System for the following purposes and in the following amounts:

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| \$5,500,000 | Orono campus – to invest in renovations, capital improvements and equipment in classrooms and laboratories to support science, technology, engineering and mathematics disciplines. |
| \$1,200,000 | Augusta and Bangor campuses – to renovate and upgrade science and nursing laboratories. |
| \$1,200,000 | Farmington campus – to renovate the science facilities in Preble Hall and Ricker Hall, including approximately four laboratories. |
| \$1,200,000 | Fort Kent campus – to renovate and expand the nursing laboratory and to support geographic information system technology for applications in the forestry industry. |
| \$1,200,000 | Machias campus – to renovate and improve Powers Hall (including repairing its exterior), which currently houses music and art classrooms, the performing art |

center, art gallery, administrative offices and student services, and for laboratory upgrades in the science building.

\$1,200,000 Presque Isle campus – to renovate and upgrade space, equipment and furnishings (including microscopes and fume hoods) in laboratories for the science, technology, engineering and mathematics programs.

\$4,000,000 University of Southern Maine campuses (Portland, Gorham, and Lewiston) – to renovate science laboratories, including those for biology, chemistry, physics, geosciences, environmental sciences, nursing and occupational therapy.

If approved, the authorization of these bonds would take effect 30 days after the Governor’s proclamation of the vote.

A “YES” vote approves the issuance of up to fifteen million five hundred thousand dollars (\$15,500,000) in general obligation bonds to finance the projects described above.

A “NO” vote disapproves the bond issue in its entirety.

Debt Service

Prepared by the Office of the Treasurer

Total estimated lifetime cost is **\$18,910,000** representing **\$15,500,000** in principal and **\$3,410,000** in interest (assuming interest at 4% over 10 years).

Fiscal Impact Statement

Prepared by the Office of Fiscal and Program Review

This bond issue has no significant fiscal impact other than the debt service costs identified above.

Public Comments

No public comments were filed in support of or in opposition to Question 2.

Question 3: Bond Issue

Do you favor a \$100,000,000 bond issue for reconstruction and rehabilitation of highways and bridges and for facilities or equipment related to ports, harbors, marine transportation, freight and passenger railroads, aviation and transit, to be used to match an estimated \$154,000,000 in federal and other funds?

STATE OF MAINE
Chapter 429
Public Laws of 2013
Approved August 30, 2013

“An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Improve Highways, Bridges and Multimodal Facilities”

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 as described in this Act,

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

Sec. 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 \$100,000,000 for the purposes described in section 5 of this Act. 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. 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. 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 this Act lapse to the Office of the Treasurer of State to be used for the retirement of general obligation 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 from General Fund bond issue. The proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized under this Act must be expended as designated in the following schedule under the direction and supervision of the agencies and entities set forth in this section.

TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Provides funds to construct, reconstruct or rehabilitate Priority 1, Priority 2 and Priority 3 state highways under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 73, subsection 7 and for associated improvements.

Total

\$44,000,000

Provides funds for municipal partnership initiatives and the Secondary Road Program Fund established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1803-C.

Total \$5,000,000

Provides funds to replace and rehabilitate bridges.

Total \$27,000,000

Provides funds for facilities or equipment related to ports, harbors, marine transportation, aviation, freight and passenger railroads and transit that preserve public safety or otherwise have demonstrated high economic value for transportation, including property acquisition and capital improvements at the International Marine Terminal.

Total \$24,000,000

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

Sec. 7. 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 the Office of the Treasurer of State to be used for the retirement of general obligation bonds.

Sec. 8. Bonds authorized but not issued. Any bonds authorized but 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 for an additional amount of time not to exceed 5 years.

Sec. 9. Referendum for ratification; submission at election; form of question; effective date. This Act must be submitted to the legal voters of the State at a statewide election held in the month 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 \$100,000,000 bond issue for reconstruction and rehabilitation of highways and bridges and for facilities or equipment related to ports, harbors, marine transportation, freight and passenger railroads, aviation and transit, to be used to match an estimated \$154,000,000 in federal and other 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. 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 purposes of this referendum.

Intent and Content
Prepared by the Office of the Attorney General

This Act would authorize the State to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000), to raise funds for a variety of projects as described below. The bonds would run for a period not longer than 10 years from the date of issue and would be backed by the full faith and credit of the State.

Proceeds from the sale of these bonds would be administered by the Department of Transportation for the following purposes:

Highways – Forty-four million dollars (\$44,000,000) would be expended to reconstruct or rehabilitate state highways that have been designated as Priority 1, 2 or 3 by the Department of Transportation in accordance with the state statute (23 M.R.S. § 73(7)) that requires the Department to establish priorities, customer service levels and goals for capital improvements to the State’s public highways. Specific projects are identified in the Department’s Work Plan, which is published every year and is available at www.mainedot.gov. It is anticipated that these bond proceeds would make the State eligible for approximately forty-eight million dollars (\$48,000,000) in federal matching funds.

Secondary roads – Five million dollars (\$5,000,000) would be used to repair secondary roads in partnership with municipalities pursuant to the existing Municipal Partnership Initiatives program described on the Department’s web site at www.maine.gov/mdot/csd/mlrc/mpi.htm), and the Secondary Road Program established in statute (23 M.R.S. § 1803-C). Both programs generally require municipalities to contribute 50% or more of the project costs. Accordingly, these bond proceeds are expected to be matched by approximately five million dollars (\$5,000,000) in local funds from the participating municipalities.

Bridges – Twenty-seven million dollars (\$27,000,000) would be expended to replace or rehabilitate existing bridges. Specific projects are outlined in the Department’s Work Plan, as noted above. These funds are expected to make the State eligible for approximately \$30,000,000 in federal funds.

Multi-modal projects – Twenty-four million dollars (\$24,000,000) would be spent on a variety of projects, including facilities and equipment related to ports, harbors, marine transportation, aviation, railroads (both passenger and freight), and transit (public transportation), as well as acquisition of property and capital improvements at the International Marine Terminal in Portland. The investment of these bond proceeds is expected to generate up to fifty-two million dollars (\$52,000,000) in federal funds and up to nineteen million dollars (\$19,000,000) in local and private funds.

If approved, the authorization of these bonds would take effect 30 days after the Governor’s proclamation of the vote.

A “YES” vote approves the issuance of up to one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) in general obligation bonds to finance the activities described above.

A “NO” vote disapproves the bond issue in its entirety.

Debt Service

Prepared by the Office of the Treasurer

Total estimated lifetime cost is **\$122,000,000** representing **\$100,000,000** in principal and **\$22,000,000** in interest (assuming interest at 4% over 10 years).

Fiscal Impact Statement

Prepared by the Office of Fiscal and Program Review

This bond issue has no significant fiscal impact other than the debt service costs identified above.

Public Comments

No public comments were filed in support of or in opposition to Question 3.

Question 4: Bond Issue

Do you favor a \$4,500,000 bond issue to provide funds for a public-private partnership for a building project for a new science facility at the Maine Maritime Academy to be matched by other funds?

**STATE OF MAINE
Chapter 433
Public Laws of 2013
Approved August 30, 2013**

“An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide Funds for a Public-private Partnership for a New Science Facility at the Maine Maritime Academy”

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 as described in this Act,

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

Sec. 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 \$4,500,000 for the purposes described in section 5 of this Act. 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. 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.

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MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY

Maine Maritime Academy

Provides funds for a public-private partnership for a building project for a new science facility to be matched by other funds.

Total \$4,500,000

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

Sec. 7. 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 the Office of the Treasurer of State to be used for the retirement of general obligation bonds.

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"Do you favor a \$4,500,000 bond issue to provide funds for a public-private partnership for a building project for a new science facility at the Maine Maritime Academy to be matched by other 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. 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 purposes of this referendum.

Intent and Content **Prepared by the Office of the Attorney General**

This Act would authorize the State to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed four million five hundred thousand dollars (\$4,500,000), to raise funds for construction of a new science center at the Maine Maritime Academy, as described below. The bonds would run for a period not longer than 10 years from the date of issue and would be backed by the full faith and credit of the State.

Proceeds from the sale of these bonds would be administered by the Maine Maritime Academy and would be utilized to support construction of a new science building at the Academy's campus in Castine, Maine. The new building would house classrooms, faculty offices and laboratories. The total project is estimated to cost approximately fourteen million dollars (\$14,000,000), and the remaining funds would be raised from private donors or other sources.

If approved, the authorization of these bonds would take effect 30 days after the Governor's proclamation of the vote.

A “YES” vote approves the issuance of up to four million five hundred thousand dollars (\$4,500,000) in general obligation bonds to help finance the construction project described above.

A “NO” vote disapproves the bond issue in its entirety.

Debt Service

Prepared by the Office of the Treasurer

Total estimated lifetime cost is **\$5,490,000** representing **\$4,500,000** in principal and **\$990,000** in interest (assuming interest at 4% over 10 years).

Fiscal Impact Statement

Prepared by the Office of Fiscal and Program Review

This bond issue has no significant fiscal impact other than the debt service costs identified above.

Public Comments

No public comments were filed in support of or in opposition to Question 4.

Question 5: Bond Issue

Do you favor a \$15,500,000 bond issue to upgrade buildings, classrooms and laboratories on the 7 campuses of the Maine Community College System in order to increase capacity to serve more students through expanded programs in health care, precision machining, information technology, criminal justice and other key programs?

STATE OF MAINE
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“An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in the Maine Community College System”

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 as described in this Act,

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

Sec. 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 \$15,500,000 for the purposes described in section 5 of this Act. 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. 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. 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 this Act lapse to the Office of the Treasurer of State to be used for the retirement of general obligation 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 from General Fund bond issue. The proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized under this Act must be expended as designated in the following schedule under the direction and supervision of the agencies and entities set forth in this section.

MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

Provides funds to construct a building to house science laboratories, classrooms and associated offices for the purpose of expanding and adding associate degree programs at Central Maine Community College.

Total \$2,350,000

Provides funds to construct an addition to Maine Hall and to expand academic classroom and laboratory space including health sciences classrooms and laboratories and a criminal justice simulation laboratory at Eastern Maine Community College.

Total \$2,450,000

Provides funds to renovate laboratory space allowing the expansion of the precision machining program; to provide classroom space and associated offices to expand the electrical lineworker program; to renovate to accommodate the addition of a culinary arts program and the relocation of the early childhood program; to remove hazardous materials, restore entrances and exterior doors and improve environmental systems; and to purchase classroom equipment at Kennebec Valley Community College.

Total \$2,000,000

Provides funds to renovate Aroostook Hall to expand allied health programs; to add classrooms, laboratories and associated offices; to construct a new maintenance facility; and to purchase classroom equipment at Northern Maine Community College.

Total \$900,000

Provides funds to renovate and upgrade buildings to allow for relocation and expansion of programs and to purchase classroom equipment to increase the enrollment capacity of the integrated manufacturing program on the Brunswick campus of Southern Maine Community College.

Total \$3,400,000

Provides funds to renovate and increase the energy efficiency of the Harold Howland Building; to upgrade and improve existing systems and equipment and convert space for use by heavy equipment programs; and to purchase classroom equipment at Washington County Community College.

Total \$1,000,000

Provides funds to construct a building to include classrooms, computer laboratories and associated offices and to purchase classroom equipment for the newly implemented precision machining program at York County Community College.

Total \$3,400,000

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

Sec. 7. 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 the Office of the Treasurer of State to be used for the retirement of general obligation bonds.

Sec. 8. Bonds authorized but not issued. Any bonds authorized but 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 for an additional amount of time not to exceed 5 years.

Sec. 9. Referendum for ratification; submission at election; form of question; effective date. This Act must be submitted to the legal voters of the State at a statewide election held in the month 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 \$15,500,000 bond issue to upgrade buildings, classrooms and laboratories on the 7 campuses of the Maine Community College System in order to increase capacity to serve more students through expanded programs in health care, precision machining, information technology, criminal justice and other key programs?"

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. 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 purposes of this referendum.

Intent and Content **Prepared by the Office of the Attorney General**

This Act would authorize the State to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed fifteen million five hundred thousand dollars (\$15,500,000), to raise funds for facility improvements at seven Maine Community College System campuses, as described below. The bonds would run for a period not longer than 10 years from the date of issue and would be backed by the full faith and credit of the State.

Proceeds from the sale of these bonds would be spent by the Maine Community College System for the following purposes and in the following amounts:

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| \$2,350,000 | Central Maine Community College in Auburn – to construct a building to house science laboratories, classrooms, and offices to support the expansion and addition of associate degree programs. |
| \$2,450,000 | Eastern Maine Community College in Bangor – to expand the academic building known as Maine Hall to accommodate additional academic classrooms, including health sciences classrooms, and more laboratory space, including a criminal justice simulation laboratory. |

- \$2,000,000 Kennebec Valley Community College in Fairfield and Hinckley – to renovate existing buildings to provide classroom and laboratory spaces that will enable expansion of the precision machining and electrical lineworker programs, addition of a culinary arts program, and relocation of the early childhood program. Funds also will be used to remove hazardous materials, improve environmental systems and purchase classroom equipment.

- \$ 900,000 Northern Maine Community College in Presque Isle – to renovate Aroostook Hall to provide added classrooms, laboratories and offices for expanded programs in allied health. Funds also will be used to construct a new maintenance facility and to purchase classroom equipment.

- \$3,400,000 Southern Maine Community College in South Portland and Brunswick – to renovate and upgrade buildings to allow for relocation and expansion of programs to the new Brunswick campus, to increase the enrollment capacity of the integrated manufacturing program, and to purchase classroom equipment.

- \$1,000,000 Washington County Community College in Calais – to renovate and increase the energy efficiency of the Harold Howland Building; to improve existing systems and equipment and convert space for use by the heavy equipment programs; and to purchase classroom equipment.

- \$3,400,000 York County Community College in Wells – to construct a building that will house classrooms, computer laboratories, and office space, and to purchase classroom equipment for the new degree program in precision machining.

If approved, the authorization of these bonds would take effect 30 days after the Governor’s proclamation of the vote.

A “YES” vote approves the issuance of up to fifteen million five hundred thousand dollars (\$15,500,000) in general obligation bonds to finance the activities described above.

A “NO” vote disapproves the bond issue in its entirety.

Debt Service
Prepared by the Office of the Treasurer

Total estimated lifetime cost is **\$18,910,000** representing **\$15,500,000** in principal and **\$3,410,000** in interest (assuming interest at 4% over 10 years).

Fiscal Impact Statement
Prepared by the Office of Fiscal and Program Review

This bond issue has no significant fiscal impact other than the debt service costs identified above.

Public Comments

No public comments were filed in support of or in opposition to Question 5.