



State Representative Erik Jorgensen

2014 Referendum Summary

Dear Neighbor,

On Tuesday, November 4, seven questions will be presented to Maine voters for their approval or rejection. Each question is included in this summary along with the meaning of a YES or a NO vote on each item.

I hope this summary will help you to make informed decisions about the many issues on this November's ballot. In the meantime, you can visit the Maine Secretary of State's Web site to learn more about the seven referendum questions at: maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/index.html.

If I can be of any assistance to you, please feel free to call me at 939-7120 or send me an e-mail at ejorgensen@maine.rr.com. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Erik Jorgensen

Question 1 - Citizen Initiative

An Act To Prohibit the Use of Dogs, Bait or Traps When Hunting Bears Except under Certain Circumstances.

“Do you want to ban the use of bait, dogs or traps in bear hunting except to protect property, public safety, or for research?”

A **“YES”** vote is to enact the initiated legislation.

A **“NO”** vote opposes the initiated legislation.

Question 2 - Bond Issue

“Do you favor an \$8,000,000 bond issue to support Maine agriculture, facilitate economic growth in natural resources-based industries and monitor human health threats related to ticks, mosquitoes and bedbugs through the creation of an animal and plant disease and insect control laboratory administered by the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Service?”

A **YES** vote approves the issuance of up to \$8,000,000 in general obligation bonds to finance the activities described above.

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

Question 3 - Bond Issue

“Do you favor a bond issue to provide \$4,000,000 in funds to insure portions of loans to small businesses to spur investment and innovation and to provide \$8,000,000 in funds to make flexible loans to small businesses to create jobs, revitalize downtowns and strengthen the rural economy?”

A **YES** vote approves the issuance of up to \$12,000,000 in general obligation bonds to finance the activities described above.

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

Question 4 - Bond Issue

“Do you favor a \$10,000,000 bond issue, to be awarded through a competitive process and to be matched by \$11,000,000 in private and other funds, to build a research center and to discover genetic solutions for cancer and the diseases of aging, to promote job growth and private sector investment in this State, to attract and retain young professionals and make the State a global leader in genomic medicine?”

A **YES** vote approves the issuance of up to \$10,000,000 in general obligation bonds to finance the activities described above.

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

Question 5 - Bond Issue

“Do you favor a \$3,000,000 bond issue, to be awarded through a competitive process and to be matched by \$5,700,000 in private and public funds, to modernize and expand infrastructure in a biological laboratory specializing in tissue repair and regeneration located in the State in order to increase biotechnology workforce training, retain and recruit to the State multiple biomedical research and development groups and create a drug discovery and development facility that will improve human health and stimulate biotechnology job growth and economic activity?”

A **YES** vote approves the issuance of up to \$3,000,000 in general obligation bonds to finance the activities described above.

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

Question 6 - Bond Issue

“Do you favor a \$10,000,000 bond issue to ensure clean water and safe communities across Maine; to protect drinking water sources; to restore wetlands; to create jobs and vital public infrastructure; and to strengthen the State’s long-term economic base and competitive advantage?”

A **YES** vote approves the issuance of up to \$10,000,000 in general obligation bonds to finance the activities described above.

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

Question 7 - Bond Issue

“Do you favor a \$7,000,000 bond issue to facilitate the growth of marine businesses and commercial enterprises that create jobs and improve the sustainability of the State’s marine economy and related industries through capital investments, to be matched by at least \$7,000,000 in private and other funds?”

A **YES** vote approves the issuance of up to \$10,000,000 in general obligation bonds to finance the activities described above.

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