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In Senate, March 7, 2019

**An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support
Investments in Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy in
Municipalities and School Administrative Units**

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative HUBBELL of Bar Harbor and
Senators: BLACK of Franklin, DAVIS of Piscataquis, DOW of Lincoln, President JACKSON
of Aroostook, SANBORN, L. of Cumberland, Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook,
JORGENSEN of Portland, PIERCE of Falmouth.

1 **SUMMARY**

2 The funds provided by the bond issue in Part A, in the amount of \$10,000,000, will
3 be used to purchase solar arrays, high-efficiency ductless heat pumps and high-efficiency
4 modern wood heating systems for buildings and property owned by municipalities and
5 school administrative units.

6 Part B directs the Efficiency Maine Trust to use funds from the bond issue under Part
7 A to fund the Municipal Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Program.

8 Part C establishes the Municipal Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Program
9 within the Efficiency Maine Trust to support municipalities and municipally authorized
10 citizen committees and school administrative units across the State in reducing energy
11 costs, reducing carbon emissions, facilitating the development of renewable energy
12 resources and creating local jobs related to the building of renewable energy facilities and
13 the installation of energy-efficient equipment. It funds the program with the proceeds of
14 bonds, including bonds issued pursuant to Part A, any other funds allocated by the trust
15 and matching funds from participating municipalities.

16 Parts B and C take effect only if the bond issue under Part A is approved by the
17 voters of the State.