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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

132ND LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 251, L.D. 753, "An Act to Support an Aroostook Adult Treatment and Recovery Court"

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

'An Act to Authorize the Use of Funds Resulting from the Issuance of Securities by the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority for the Purpose of Developing or Improving New or Existing Court Facilities in Penobscot County'

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

'Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §1610-I, as amended by PL 2023, c. 17, Pt. O, §1, is further amended to read:

§1610-I. Additional securities; judicial branch

Notwithstanding any limitation on the amount of securities that may be issued pursuant to section 1606, subsection 2, the authority may issue additional securities from time to time in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$95,600,000 outstanding at any one time for the purposes of paying the costs associated with the planning, purchasing, financing, acquiring, constructing, renovating, furnishing, equipping, improving, extending, enlarging and consolidating new and existing facilities and projects relating to the judicial branch in the counties of Oxford, Waldo, Penobscot and York, acquiring and improving property relating to the judicial branch in Hancock County and 55 Lisbon Street in Lewiston, replacing and upgrading ventilation systems in facilities relating to the judicial branch in Presque Isle, Lewiston, Rockland, Skowhegan and West Bath, acquiring and improving property adjacent to the Capital Judicial Center in Augusta for parking and acquiring and improving property in Skowhegan for future expansion and planning for other court facilities.'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill and changes the title. The amendment authorizes the use of securities issued for the purpose of planning, purchasing, financing, acquiring, constructing, renovating, furnishing, equipping, improving, extending, enlarging and consolidating new and existing facilities and projects relating to the judicial branch to include such facilities in Penobscot County.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



Approved: 05/06/25 **LRL**

132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 753

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An Act to Support an Aroostook Adult Treatment and Recovery Court

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-130)

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill expands the purposes for which bonds related to the judicial branch may be issued to now include the costs associated with renovations of and additions to the judicial branch in Penobscot County. Although the overall cap of judicial branch bonds outstanding at any one time remains at \$95,600,000, expanding the projects eligible to be bonded may create additional future debt service costs to the General Fund that would not have been incurred absent this bill. No estimate of future cost can be made until a specific bond project becomes known.