

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 201 House of Representatives, Jan. 27, 1931.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Tompkins of Houlton.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND THIRTY-ONE

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AN ACT to Authorize the County of Aroostook to Enlarge  
and Repair the County Jail at Houlton.

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Whereas, the law requires all contracts for public building construction to be made after public notice and public bidding, which takes time, and

Whereas, it is necessary to construct the building called for in this act forthwith and during the summer season of nineteen hundred thirty-one, and

Whereas, public interest requires that said building be constructed forthwith, and

Whereas, by reason of the foregoing facts an emergency exists such as contemplated by the constitution of this state, and the passage of this act is immediately necessary for the preservation of the public health, peace and safety, therefore,

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

Section 1. County authorized to expend money in repairing and enlarging the county jail. The county of Aroostook is hereby authorized and empowered to expend so much as shall be needed, not to exceed in all the sum of eighty-five thousand dollars, in altering, enlarging, repairing and equipping the county jail at Houlton, in said county, and such other things necessarily incidental to any of the foregoing purposes.

Sect. 2. County authorized to pay for such construction

from the surplus in the treasury of said county. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act said county, through its county commissioners is hereby authorized and empowered to use from the surplus in the treasury of said county a sum not in excess of eighty-five thousand dollars.

Sect. 3. Commission constituted; powers; organization; vacancies. George W. York of Island Falls, George R. Umphrey of Washburn and P. A. Cyr of Grand Isle, being the county commissioners in and for said county, and John H. Welch of Mars Hill and Freeman E. Bennett of Presque Isle, all in said county, are hereby constituted and appointed a commission to prepare plans and make contracts for the carrying out of the provisions of this act, and said commission is hereby invested with full power to determine the amount of money to be expended in altering, repairing and enlarging said county jail, and in carrying out the provisions of this act, and to determine the kind and extent of the repairs and extensions to be made on said county jail, if any, and shall have power to determine what sum of money shall be spent on said county jail at Houlton, not in excess of eighty-five thousand dollars, and shall have power to employ architects and inspectors to assist in determining the necessary repairs, extensions and improvements on said county jail, and in supervising any work to be done hereunder.

Said commissioners may organize and appoint necessary officers, and may authorize any member or members of the commission to act for the commission in carrying out the provisions of this act. Said commission shall have the power to fill vacancies existing for any cause, and shall serve without pay, but all necessary expense of said commission in carrying out the provisions of this act shall be paid out of the money appropriated under this act.

Sect. 4. Emergency clause. In view of the emergency recited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.