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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 190

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ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Lewin of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

**AN ACT Authorizing the City of Augusta to Lease Area Within Proposed
Civic Center**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts passed by the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the City of Augusta has passed an order to finance and construct a new civic center, a portion of which will be leased to the University of Maine; and

Whereas, validating legislation is needed to clarify the right to so lease; and

Whereas, it is essential that there be no delay because of rising costs and the need of such center for the welfare of the people of the city; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. Authorization. The City of Augusta is authorized to include facilities which may be used by the University of Maine as a part of the proposed new Civic Center to be constructed by said city, to lease such facilities to the University of Maine for a period not exceeding 20 years and re-

new any such lease for a further period or periods, and to appropriate money for the construction of such facilities.

Sec. 2. Validation. All proceedings heretofore taken by the City of Augusta in connection with the adoption on December 30, 1970 of Order #530 appropriating and authorizing the borrowing of \$2,500,000 for the construction and equipping of a new Civic Center which may include space to be leased to the University of Maine and all action heretofore taken pursuant thereto or in connection therewith by said city and its officers, agents and employees are confirmed, validated and made effective and said City of Augusta is authorized to issue and sell its bonds pursuant to said order without the necessity of further proceedings by its city council.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of the within bill is to make clear that the city has the right to lease space within the proposed Civic Center to the University of Maine and to validate proceedings already taken by the city council.