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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1659

S. P. 529 In Senate, March 29, 1973 Referred to the Committee on County Government. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary Presented by Senator Marcotte of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT to Authorize York County to Raise \$800,000 for Construction of a County Jail.

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

- Sec. 1. To raise money for county jail. The county commissioners of the County of York are authorized to raise and expend a sum not exceeding \$800,000 for a county jail, to be located on county-owned property adjacent to the present county jail.
- Sec. 2. Bonds. To provide funds for said county jail, the treasurer of York County, with the approval of said county commissioners, may borrow from time to time upon the full faith and credit of the county such sums, not exceeding in the aggregate \$800,000 as may be necessary, and may issue bonds therefor which shall bear on their face the words "York County Capital Improvement Bonds, Act of 1973." Each authorized issue shall be payable in such annual installments beginning not more than 2 years from the date thereof and not earlier than the year 1975, as will extinguish each loan in not more than 10 years from its date. Such bonds shall be signed by the treasurer of the county and countersigned by the majority of said county commissioners. The county may sell such securities at public or private sale upon such terms and conditions as the said county commissioners may deem proper, but at not less than par and accrued interest.
- Sec. 3. Temporary notes. Said county treasurer, with the approval of said county commissioners, may issue temporary notes of the county, payable in not more than one year from their dates, in anticipation of the issue of serial bonds under this Act and may renew the same, but the time within which such serial bonds shall become due and payable shall not, by reason of such

temporary notes, be extended beyond the term fixed by this Act. Any notes issued in anticipation of the serial bonds shall be paid from the proceeds thereof.

Referendum; effective date. This Act shall take effect 90 days after adjournment of the Legislature, only for the purpose of its submission to the legal voters of York County. Such submission shall be at the discretion of the York County Board of Commissioners but not later than 18 months after adjournment of the Legislature. The York County Board of Commissioners are authorized to expend such funds as are necessary to implement the referendum.

The county clerk shall prepare the required ballots on which he shall state the subject matter of this Act in the following question: "Shall 'An Act Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds in an Amount not to exceed \$800,000 for a York County Jail,' passed by the 106th Legislature, be accepted?" The voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed against the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same.

This Act shall take effect for all the purposes hereof immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters voting at said election; provided the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this Act equals or exceeds 10% of the total votes for all candidates for Governor cast in the next previous gubernatorial election in said county. If at any such first election, the total number of votes cast for or against acceptance of this Act is less than 10% of the total votes for all candidates for Governor cast in said county in the next previous gubernatorial election, the county commissioners may call not more than one more such special election to be held within the time prescribed above.

The result of such elections shall be declared by the York County Board of Commissioners and due certificates thereof filed by the county clerk with the Secretary of State.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is reflected in the title.