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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 264

S. P. 93

In Senate, January 22, 1975

Referred to Committee on Local and County Government. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Greeley of Waldo.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Authorize the Treasurer and County Commissioners of Waldo County to Procure a Loan to Build a Detention Center.

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

Whereas, the county jail at Belfast has been condemned by the Bureau of Corrections, the structure being no longer fit for human detention purposes; and

Whereas, the county commissioners have taken appropriate action to provide for replacement facilities at the earliest possible time following legislative authorization; 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. Loan authorized. The treasurer of the County of Waldo is authorized to procure by loan on the faith and responsibility of said county, a sum of money not exceeding \$200,000, exclusive of and in addition to the loans authorized by existing statutes, for the purpose of building a detention center located in Belfast, in the County of Waldo.

Sec. 2. Procedure. The county commissioners are hereby authorized to raise the sum of money necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act by following the provisions of either section 3 or section 4, as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 3. Signing of notes authorized. The treasurer of Waldo County is hereby authorized to sign notes of said county in an amount not exceeding \$200,000, with interest not exceeding 12%, payable annually; said notes to mature not later than 20 years from the date thereof, as the county commissioners may fix; said notes to be signed by the treasurer and countersigned by the county commissioners of said county.

Sec. 4. Issuance of bonds authorized. The treasurer of Waldo County is hereby authorized to issue bonds of said county therefor, with interest coupons attached, to an amount not exceeding \$200,000, said bonds to bear interest payable annually at a rate not exceeding 12% per year; the principal to be paid at such times, not later than 20 years from the date thereof, as the county commissioners may fix; said bonds to be signed by the treasurer and countersigned by the county commissioners of said county and the coupons to bear the facsimile signature of said county treasurer.

Sec. 5. Duty of county commissioners. The county commissioners of said county are hereby authorized to issue said bonds in such denominations as they may deem expedient and may provide for their maturity at varying dates, in no case more than 20 years from the date thereof:

Sec. 6. Sinking fund created. The county commissioners are hereby authorized to create a sinking fund to provide for the payment of said notes or bonds at maturity.

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to authorize the treasurer and county commissioners of Waldo County to procure a loan to build a detention center.