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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1819, L.D. 1947, Bill,
"AN ACT to Authorize Lincoln County to Raise Money for
Capital Improvements to the Court House and Annex."

Amend the bill by inserting before the enacting clause
the following:

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

Whereas, construction costs could be substantially in-
creased by any delay in funding; and

Whereas, the cost of a referendum could be substantially
reduced by holding it at the same time as the primary
election in June; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these
facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Con-
stitution of Maine and require the following legislation
as immediately necessary for the preservation of the pub-
lic peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 1
and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. To raise money for court house and annex
capital improvements. The County Commissioners of the

County of Lincoln are authorized to raise and expend, by issuing bonds or notes, a sum not exceeding \$700,000 for the alteration, renovation and addition to the Lincoln County court house and annex comprising improvements and such facilities as the county commissioners may deem advisable. This sum is in addition to any sums accumulated in the Capital Improvement Reserve Account for this purpose.'

Further amend the bill in section 2 by inserting at the end the following:

'The sum total of all bonds issued under this Act shall not exceed \$700,000. No bonds may be issued under this provision without prior approval of the voters of the county by referendum.'

Further amend the bill by inserting before the statement of fact the following:

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

Statement of Fact

Lincoln County has purchased an annex for its court house and money is needed to conduct renovations of that facility in order to ease the overcrowded conditions in the court house facilities. The amendment follows the original bill, provides for but / a referendum, and clarifies the fact that, in addition to funds from the bond issue, the county may use

capital
certain/reserve funds that have been set aside for this
purpose.

Reported by the Committee on Local and County Government
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