

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 965

S. P. 337

In Senate, February 23, 1981

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

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Teague of Somerset.

Cosponsors: Representative Walker of Skowhegan, Representative Gwadosky of Fairfield and Representative Richard of Madison.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT to Authorize a Bond Issue for Somerset County to Renovate the Existing Somerset County Detention Facility.

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

Sec. 1. To raise money for the renovation of the existing detention facility. Notwithstanding the Revised Statutes, Title 30, section 404, the county commissioners of the County of Somerset are authorized to raise and expend a sum not exceeding \$1,400,000 to renovate the existing county detention facility located in Somerset County.

Sec. 2. Aid from other sources. The county commissioners of the County of Somerset are authorized to borrow any portion of the sums herein authorized from or through any agency or department of the State of Maine and of the United States Government. The county commissioners of Somerset County are authorized to receive grants of money and other assistance from or through any agency, or department, of the State of Maine and of the United States Government for any of the purposes authorized in this Act.

Sec. 3. Bonds. To provide funds to renovate the existing detention facility, the Treasurer of Somerset County, with the approval of the county commissioners, may borrow from time to time upon the full faith and credit of the county such sums, not exceeding in the aggregate \$1,400,000, as may be necessary,

and may issue bonds therefor which shall bear on their face the words "Somerset County Capital Improvement Bonds Act of 1981." Each authorized issue shall be payable in such annual installments, beginning no more than 2 years from the date thereof and will extinguish each loan in not more than 20 years from its date. The bonds shall be signed by the treasurer of the county and countersigned by the majority of the county commissioners. The county may sell these securities at public or private sales upon such terms and conditions as the county commissioners may deem proper, but at not less than par and accrued interest.

Sec. 4. Temporary notes. The county treasurer, with the approval of the 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 these serial bonds shall become due and payable shall not, by reason of these 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.

Sec. 5. Referendum for ratification. This Act shall be submitted to the legal voters of Somerset County. The submission shall be at the discretion of the Somerset County Board of Commissioners, but not later than 24 months after adjournment of the Legislature. Somerset County Commissioners are authorized to expend such funds as are necessary to implement the referendum.

The county commissioner shall cause the preparation of the required ballots on which they state the subject matter of the Act in the following question:

"Shall the issuance of bonds be authorized in an amount not to exceed \$1,400,000 to renovate the existing Somerset County Detention Facility?" 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 the election, provided that the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this Act equals or exceeds 30% of the total votes for all candidates for Governor cast in the last gubernatorial election in that county. If, at any such first election, the total number of votes cast for or against acceptance of this Act is less than 30% of the total votes for all candidates for Governor cast in that county in the last gubernatorial election, the county commissioners may call not more than one such special election to be held within the time prescribed above.

The results of such elections shall be declared by the Somerset County Commissioners and due certificates filed with the Secretary of State.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to authorize a bond issue for Somerset County to make renovations to the existing detention facility to meet the detention needs of the county.