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House of Representatives, September 6, 1983

Reported by Representative Carter from the Committee on
Appropriations and Financial Affairs and printed under Joint Rule 2.

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Presented by Representative Jacques of Waterville.

Cosponsors: Representative Andrews of Portland, Senator Violette of
Aroostook and Representative Callahan of Mechanic Falls.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Authorize a General Fund Bond
Issue in the Amount of \$720,000 for County
Courthouse Handicapped Accessibility.

Preamble. Two-thirds of both Houses of the
Legislature deeming it necessary in accordance with
the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 14, to
authorize the issuance of bonds on behalf of the
State for the construction and improvement of municipal
facilities.

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

Sec. 1. Issue of bonds to provide for county
courthouse handicapped accessibility. The Treasurer
of State may, under the direction of the Governor,
issue from time to time, serial coupon bonds in the
name and in behalf of the State to an amount not

1 exceeding \$720,000 for the purpose of raising funds
2 to provide for county courthouse handicapped
3 accessibility funds as authorized by section 6.
4 These bonds shall be deemed a pledge of the faith and
5 credit of the State. The bonds shall not run for a
6 longer period than 20 years from the date of the
7 original issue thereof. Any issuance of bonds may
8 contain a call feature at the discretion of the
9 Treasurer of State with the approval of the Governor.

10 Sec. 2. Records of bonds issued to be kept by
11 State Auditor and Treasurer of State. The State
12 Auditor shall keep an account of the bonds, showing
13 the number and amount of each, the date when payable
14 and the date of delivery thereof to the Treasurer of
15 State, who shall keep an account of each bond, show-
16 ing the number thereof, the name of the person to
17 whom sold, the amount received for the same, the date
18 of sale and the date when payable.

19 Sec. 3. Sale, how negotiated, proceeds appropri-
20 ated. The Treasurer of State may negotiate the sale
21 of these bonds by direction of the Governor, but no
22 such bond may be loaned, pledged or hypothecated in
23 behalf of the State. The proceeds of the sales of
24 these bonds, which shall be held by the Treasurer of
25 State and paid by him upon warrants drawn by the Gov-
26 ernor, are appropriated to be used solely for the
27 purposes set forth in this Act.

28 Sec. 4. Interest and debt retirement. Interest
29 due or accruing upon any bonds issued under this Act
30 and all sums coming due for payment of bonds at matu-
31 rity shall be paid by the Treasurer of State.

32 Sec. 5. Disbursement of bond proceeds. The pro-
33 ceeds of the bond shall be expended under the direc-
34 tion and supervision of the State Director of Public
35 Improvements.

36 Sec. 6. Allocations from General Fund bond
37 issue. The following sums are allocated from the
38 General Fund bond issue.

39 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF

40 County courthouse handicapped

1 plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary
2 of State in the same manner as votes for members of
3 the Legislature. The Governor shall review the
4 returns and, if it appears that a majority of the
5 legal voters are in favor of the Act, the Governor
6 shall proclaim that fact without delay, and the Act
7 shall become effective 30 days after the date of the
8 proclamation.

9 The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish
10 to each city, town and plantation all ballots,
11 returns and copies of this Act necessary to carry out
12 the purpose of this referendum.

13 FISCAL NOTE

14 The total cost of this new draft is estimated to
15 be \$1,392,840. This amount includes interest calcu-
16 lated at 8.90% over 20 years on \$720,000 of bonds
17 authorized by this new draft.

18 STATEMENT OF FACT

19 This bill provides for a bond issue which will be
20 applied to remedying architectural and other barriers
21 to access by the physically handicapped which cur-
22 rently exist in many of Maine's court facilities.
23 Many handicapped persons are now effectively deprived
24 of the use of our courts because of the barriers to
25 physical access which include a lack of wheelchair
26 ramps, proper elevators and accessible rest room
27 facilities.

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