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(EMERGENCY)

(New Draft of H.P. 1509, L.D. 1984)
(New Title)

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 2161

H.P. 1639

House of Representatives, March 2, 1984

Reported by Representative Wentworth from the Committee on Local and County Government and printed under Joint Rule No. 2.

Original bill presented by Representative Carroll of Limerick.
Cosponsored by Representative Ridley of Shapleigh.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Authorizing York County to Spend
Surplus Funds for an Addition to the York
County Jail.

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

Whereas, York County has an immediate need to begin construction on the county jail project to ease overcrowding; and

Whereas, undue delay in beginning construction, scheduled to commence in the spring of 1984, will increase the cost of the project to the taxpayers; and

1 Whereas, immediate authorization for the spending
2 of surplus funds will prevent any unnecessary cost
3 increase and provide immediate relief for overcrowd-
4 ing; and

5 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,
6 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of
7 the Constitution of Maine and require the following
8 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-
9 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
10 therefore,

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

13 Sec. 1. 1983 unexpended surplus. Notwithstand-
14 ing the Revised Statutes, Title 30, section 408, the
15 county commissioners of York County are authorized to
16 spend up to \$364,000 of the unexpended 1983 surplus
17 for the addition to the York County jail.

18 Sec. 2. Aid from other sources. The county com-
19 missioners are authorized to receive grants of money
20 and other assistance from or through any agency or
21 department of the State Government and Federal Gov-
22 ernment for any of the purposes authorized in this
23 Act.

24 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited
25 in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when ap-
26 proved.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This new draft removes the authorization for a bond issue, since York County already has sufficient funds available in surplus to cover the construction costs of the addition to the York County jail. It retains the emergency clause and emergency preamble, enabling construction to proceed as speedily as possible and preventing additional costs to the taxpayers. It also retains the authority to receive grants and other assistance from the State and Federal Government.

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