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5 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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No. 353

9 H.P. 283

House of Representatives, February 1, 1985

10 Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council
11 pursuant to Joint rule 27.

12 Reference to the Committee on Local and County Government suggested
and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Drinkwater of Belfast.

13 Cosponsored by Representative Stevenson of Unity, Representative Allen
of Washington and Representative Tardy of Palmyra.

14 STATE OF MAINE
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16 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
17 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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19 AN ACT to Authorize a Self-liquidating Bond
20 Issue for Waldo County to Construct
21 Building to House County Extension
22 Services.
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24 Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legis-
25 lature do not become effective until 90 days after
26 adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

27 Whereas, Waldo County has an immediate need to
28 begin construction on a building to house the county
29 extension services; and

30 Whereas, undue delay in beginning construction
31 will increase the cost of the project to the taxpay-
32 ers by 20%; and

33 Whereas, immediate authorization for the bond is-
34 sue will prevent the unnecessary cost increase and
35 delay in scheduling and starting construction; and

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

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

9 **Sec. 1. Raise money for new detention facility.**
10 Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30,
11 section 404, the county commissioners of Waldo County
12 are authorized to raise and expend a sum not exceed-
13 ing \$80,000 for the construction of a Waldo County
14 extension service building.

15 **Sec. 2. Aid from other sources.** The county com-
16 missioners of Waldo County are authorized to borrow
17 any portion of the sums herein authorized from or
18 through any agency or department of the State and of
19 the Federal Government. The county commissioners are
20 authorized to receive grants of money and other as-
21 sistance from or through any agency or department of
22 the State and of the Federal Government for any of
23 the purposes authorized in this Act.

24 **Sec. 3. Bonds.** To provide funds for the con-
25 struction of an extension service building, the trea-
26 surer of Waldo County, with the approval of the coun-
27 ty commissioners, may borrow from time to time upon
28 the full faith and credit of the county such sums not
29 exceeding in the aggregate \$80,000 as may be neces-
30 sary, and may issue self-liquidating bonds therefor
31 which shall bear on their face the words "Waldo Coun-
32 ty Capital Improvement Bonds Act of 1985." Each au-
33 thorized issue shall be payable in such annual
34 installments, beginning not more than 2 years from
35 the date thereof and not earlier than the year 1988,
36 as will extinguish each loan in not more than 20
37 years from its date. The bonds shall be signed by
38 the treasurer of the county and countersigned by the
39 majority of the county commissioners. The county may
40 sell these securities at public or private sale upon
41 such terms and conditions as the county commissioners
42 may deem proper, but at not less than par and accrued

1 interest. These bonds shall be valid without first
2 obtaining the consent of that county as provided in
3 the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30, section 404.

4 Sec. 4. Temporary notes. The county treasurer,
5 with the approval of the county commissioners, may
6 issue temporary notes of the county, payable in not
7 more than one year from their dates, in anticipation
8 of the issue of serial bonds under this Act and may
9 renew the notes, but the time within which these se-
10 rial bonds shall become due and payable shall not, by
11 reason of these temporary notes, be extended beyond
12 the term fixed by this Act. Any notes issued in an-
13 ticipation of the serial bonds shall be paid from the
14 proceeds thereof.

15 Sec. 5. Referendum for ratification. In view of
16 the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall
17 take effect when approved, only for the purpose of
18 its submission to the legal voters of Waldo County.
19 Such submission shall be at the discretion of the
20 Waldo County Board of Commissioners, but not later
21 than 18 months after adjournment of the Legislature.
22 Waldo County commissioners are authorized to expend
23 such funds as are necessary to implement the referen-
24 dum.

25 The county commissioners shall cause the prepara-
26 tion of the required ballots on which they shall
27 state the subject matter of this Act in the following
28 question:

29 "Shall the County Commissioners of Waldo County
30 be authorized to issue bonds in an amount not to
31 exceed \$80,000 for the construction of a county-
32 owned facility to house the Cooperative Extension
33 Service in Waldo County?"

34 The voters shall indicate by a cross or check
35 mark placed against the words "Yes" or "No" their
36 opinion of the same.

37 This Act shall take effect for all the purposes
38 hereof immediately upon its acceptance by a majority
39 of the legal voters voting at the election; provided
40 the total number of votes cast for and against the
41 acceptance of this Act equals or exceeds 30% of the

1 total votes for all candidates for Governor cast in
2 the next previous gubernatorial election in the coun-
3 ty. If, at any such first election, the total number
4 of votes cast for or against acceptance of this Act
5 is less than 30% of the total votes for all candi-
6 dates for Governor cast in the county in the next
7 previous gubernatorial election, the county commis-
8 sioners may call not more than one other such special
9 election to be held within the time prescribed in
10 this Act.

11 The result of such elections shall be declared by
12 the Waldo County commissioners and due certificate
13 filed with the Secretary of State.

14 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited
15 in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when ap-
16 proved.

17 STATEMENT OF FACT

18 The current housing for the Cooperative Extension
19 Service in Waldo County is inadequate. There is not
20 sufficient working area for secretaries or agents.
21 There is no conference space, so all meetings are
22 held in other facilities. The building presently oc-
23 cupied is for sale.

24 Existing housing has been expanded. The least
25 expensive space of adequate size is available for
26 rent at \$15,000 per year with a 5% per annum in-
27 crease. No adequate existing space is available to
28 purchase. To date, approximately \$50,000 has been
29 spent for rent. A building could be purchased
30 through bonds at a fixed rate and be an asset for the
31 county.

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