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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 547, L.D.

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1460, Bill, "AN ACT to Authorize a Self-liquidating

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Bond Issue for the County of Cumberland to Raise

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Funds for the Construction of a Courthouse Addition,

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Capital Improvements to the Existing Structure and a

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Related Parking Facility."

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Amend the bill in section 1, in the 7th line

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(page 1, line 31 in L.D.) by striking out the words

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"and other facilities"

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Further amend the bill in section 2, in the 3rd

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line (page 1, line 35 in L.D.) by striking out the

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words "or other facilities"

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Further amend the bill in section 2, in the 2nd

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paragraph, in the 2nd and 4th lines (page 2, lines 11

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and 13 in L.D.) by striking out the figure "30" and

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inserting in its place the figure '20'

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Further amend the bill by striking out all of

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section 4 and inserting in its place the following:

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'Sec. 4. Issuance and expenditure. If any bonds

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have not been issued within 5 years of ratification

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by the voters, then those bonds shall not be issued.

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If any proceeds from the sale of the bonds have not

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been expended within 10 years after the date of sale,

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those proceeds shall lapse to the county's debt ser-

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vice account.'

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Further amend the bill in section 5, by striking

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out all of the 2nd sentence and inserting in its

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place the following:

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'The submission is to be at the next statewide elec-

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1 tion.'

2 Further amend the bill in section 5, in the 2nd  
3 paragraph, in the last line, (page 3, line 20 in  
4 L.D.) by inserting after the word "question" the  
5 words 'with the accompanying statement concerning  
6 debt service and bonded indebtedness'

7 Further amend the bill in section 5 by striking  
8 out all of the question (page 3, lines 21 to 25 in  
9 L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

10 'Shall Cumberland County be authorized to raise  
11 and expend an amount not to exceed \$6,600,000 for  
12 the current court facilities in Portland of which  
13 \$2,500,000 is for construction of a court addi-  
14 tion, \$1,500,000 is for capital improvements to  
15 existing court facilities and \$2,600,000 is for a  
16 related parking facility?"

17 The total estimated debt service for this issue  
18 is \$12,144,000 of which \$6,600,000 is principal  
19 and \$5,544,000 is interest at a rate of 8% for 20  
20 years. The county's current bonded indebtedness  
21 is \$2,351,563 which is scheduled to be retired in  
22 1995.'

23 Further amend the bill in section 5, in the 2nd  
24 paragraph after the question, in the last line (page  
25 3, line 32 in L.D.) by inserting after the word  
26 "election" the following:

27 '; provided that the total number of votes cast for  
28 and against the acceptance of this Act equals or ex-  
29 ceeds 20% of the total votes for all candidates for  
30 Governor cast in the next previous gubernatorial  
31 election in the county. If, at any such first elec-  
32 tion, the total number of votes cast for or against  
33 acceptance of this Act is less than 20% of the total  
34 votes for all candidates for Governor cast in the  
35 county in the next previous gubernatorial election,  
36 the county commissioners may call not more than one

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1 other special election to be held within 18 months of  
2 the adjournment of the session of the Legislature  
3 that passed this Act.'

4 STATEMENT OF FACT

5 This amendment accomplishes the following:

6 1. Eliminates the mention of other facilities;

7 2. Requires that the bonds be retired in 20  
8 years not 30;

9 3. Requires that the bonds be issued within 5  
10 years and the funds expended within 10 years;

11 4. Eliminates the cost to the State of the ref-  
12 erendum. This is a cost to the county;

13 5. Requires that the referendum be at the next  
14 state election, not at the discretion of the commis-  
15 sioners;

16 6. Adds a statement concerning debt service and  
17 bonded indebtedness to the referendum question;

18 7. Indicates in the referendum the division of  
19 the use of the proceeds between the court facility  
20 and the parking facility; and

21 8. Requires that the number of voters in the  
22 referendum be at least 20% of the total that voted in  
23 the last gubernatorial election.

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