

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 (After Deadline)  
2 FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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4 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE  
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6 Legislative Document

No. 1610

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8 H.P. 1102

House of Representatives, May 24, 1985

9 Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council  
pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

10 Reference to the Committee on Local and County Government suggested.  
11 Under suspension of the rules, read twice and passed to be engrossed  
without reference to a committee, sent up for concurrence.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Stevens of Bangor.

12 Cosponsored by Senator Maybury of Penobscot, Senator Pearson of  
Penobscot and Representative Strout of Corinth.

13 STATE OF MAINE  
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15 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
16 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE  
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18 AN ACT Authorizing a Bond Issue for  
19 Penobscot County to Raise Funds to  
20 Renovate or Expand the Penobscot County  
21 Jail.  
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23 Sec. 1. To raise money for county jail facility  
24 renovations or additions. The county commissioners  
25 of Penobscot County are authorized to raise and ex-  
26 pend, by issuing bonds or notes, a sum not exceeding  
27 \$5,100,000 to make renovations or additions to the  
28 county jail facilities.

29 Sec. 2. Aid from other sources. The county com-  
30 missioners of Penobscot County are authorized to bor-  
31 row any portion of the sums authorized by this Act  
32 from or through any agency or department of the State  
33 and of the Federal Government. The county commis-  
34 sioners are authorized to receive grants of money and  
35 other assistance from or through any agency or de-  
36 partment of the State and of the Federal Government  
37 for any of the purposes authorized in this Act.

1           **Sec. 3. Bonds or notes.** To provide funds for  
2 renovations or additions to the county jail facilities,  
3 the treasurer of Penobscot County, with the approval  
4 of the county commissioners, may borrow from  
5 time to time upon the full faith and credit of the  
6 county such sums, not exceeding in the aggregate  
7 \$5,100,000 as may be necessary, and may issue bonds  
8 or notes which shall bear on their faces the words  
9 "Penobscot County Capital Improvement Bonds Act of  
10 1985." Each authorized issue shall be payable in such  
11 annual installments, beginning not more than 2 years  
12 from the date, as will extinguish each loan in not  
13 more than 20 years from its date. The bonds or notes  
14 shall be signed by the treasurer of the county and  
15 countersigned by the chairman of the county commissioners.  
16 The county may sell such securities at public or private  
17 sale upon such terms and conditions as the county  
18 commissioners deem proper, but at not less  
19 than par and accrued interest.

20           **Sec. 4. Temporary notes.** The county treasurer,  
21 with the approval of the county commissioners, may  
22 issue temporary notes of the county payable in not  
23 more than one year from their dates, in anticipation  
24 of the issue of serial bonds under this Act and may  
25 renew the notes, but the time within which these serial  
26 bonds shall become due and payable shall not, by  
27 reason of these temporary notes, be extended beyond  
28 the term fixed by this Act. Any notes issued in  
29 anticipation of the serial bonds shall be paid from the  
30 proceeds.

31           **Sec. 5. Bonds authorized but not issued.** Any  
32 bonds authorized but not issued, or for which bond  
33 anticipation notes have not been issued within 5  
34 years of the ratification of this Act, shall be  
35 deauthorized and may not be issued, provided that the  
36 Legislature may, within 2 years after the expiration  
37 of that 5-year period, extend the period for issuing  
38 any remaining unissued bonds or bond anticipation  
39 notes for an additional amount of time not to exceed  
40 5 years.

41           **Sec. 6. Referendum for ratification.** This Act  
42 shall be submitted to the legal voters of Penobscot  
43 County. The date of submission shall be at the discretion  
44 of the Penobscot County Board of Commission-

1 ers, but not later than 24 months after adjournment  
2 of the Legislature. Penobscot County Commissioners  
3 are authorized to expend such funds as are necessary  
4 to implement the referendum.

5 The county commissioners shall cause the prepara-  
6 tion of the required ballots on which they shall  
7 state the subject matter of this Act in the following  
8 question:

9 "Shall the issuance of bonds be authorized in an  
10 amount not to exceed \$5,100,000 for renovations  
11 or additions to the county jail facilities?"

12 The voters shall indicate by a cross or check  
13 mark placed against the words "Yes" or "No" their  
14 opinion of the same.

15 This Act shall take effect for all the purposes  
16 hereof immediately upon its acceptance by a majority  
17 of the legal voters voting at the election; provided  
18 that the total number of votes cast for and against  
19 the acceptance of this Act equals or exceeds 30% of  
20 the total votes for all candidates for Governor cast  
21 in the next previous gubernatorial election in that  
22 county. If, at any such first election, the total  
23 number of votes cast for or against acceptance of  
24 this Act is less than 30% of the total votes for all  
25 candidates for Governor cast in that county in the  
26 next previous gubernatorial election, the county com-  
27 missioners may call not more than one other such spe-  
28 cial election to be held within the time prescribed  
29 above.

30 The result of such elections shall be declared by  
31 the Penobscot County Commissioners and due certifi-  
32 cate filed with the Secretary of State.

33 STATEMENT OF FACT

34 The purpose of this bill is to authorize  
35 Penobscot County to raise \$5,100,000 through the is-  
36 suance of bonds to be used for renovations or addi-  
37 tions to the county jail facilities.

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