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5 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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7 Legislative Document

No. 1648

9 H.P. 1140

House of Representatives, June 7, 1985

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

12 Referred to the Committee on Local and County Government. Sent up
for concurrence and ordered printed. Ordered sent forthwith.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

13 Presented by Representative Dexter of Kingfield.

14 STATE OF MAINE
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16 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
17 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
18

19 AN ACT to Authorize Franklin County to Raise
20 \$1,432,085 for Renovations and
21 Additions to the Franklin County Court
22 House.
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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, the Franklin County Court House needs
28 renovations and additions to meet the needs of the
29 handicapped as mandated by law; and

30 Whereas, this court house also needs changes to
31 meet the expanded needs of the District Court which
32 will help amortize the cost; and

33 Whereas, the following legislation is essential
34 at the earliest possible time for the work to pro-
35 ceed; 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. To raise money for new court house fa-
10 cility. The county commissioners of the County of
11 Franklin are authorized to raise and expend a sum not
12 exceeding \$1,432,085 to make renovations and addi-
13 tions to the Franklin County Court House.

14 Sec. 2. Aid from other sources. The county com-
15 missioners of the County of Franklin are authorized
16 to borrow any portion of the sums herein authorized
17 from or through any agency or department of the State
18 of Maine and of the United States Government. The
19 county commissioners are authorized to receive grants
20 of money and other assistance from or through any
21 agency or department of the State of Maine and of the
22 United States Government for any of the purposes au-
23 thORIZED in this Act.

24 Sec. 3. Bonds. To provide funds for the
25 renovations and additions to the court house, the
26 treasurer of Franklin County, with the approval of
27 the county commissioners, may borrow from time to
28 time upon the full faith and credit of the county
29 such sums not exceeding in the aggregate \$1,432,085
30 as may be necessary, and may issue self-liquidating
31 bonds therefor which shall bear on their face the
32 words "Franklin County Capital Improvement Bonds Act
33 of 1985." Each authorized issue shall be payable in
34 such annual installments, beginning not more than 2
35 years from the date thereof and not earlier than the
36 year 1987, as will extinguish each loan in not more
37 than 20 years from its date. The bonds shall be
38 signed by the treasurer of the county and counter-
39 signed by the majority of the county commissioners.
40 The county may sell these securities at public or
41 private sale upon such terms and conditions as the

1 county commissioners may deem proper, but at not less
2 than par and accrued interest.

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

14 Sec. 5. Referendum for ratification. This Act
15 shall be submitted to the legal voters of Franklin
16 County. The date of submission shall be at the dis-
17 cretion of the Franklin County Board of Commission-
18 ers, but not later than 24 months after adjournment
19 of the Legislature. Franklin County Commissioners
20 are authorized to expend such funds as are necessary
21 to implement the referendum.

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

26 "Shall the issuance of bonds be authorized in an
27 amount not to exceed \$1,432,085 for renovations
28 and additions to the Franklin County Court
29 House?"

30 The voters shall indicate by a cross or check
31 mark placed against the words "Yes" or "No" their
32 opinion of the same.

33 This Act shall take effect for all the purposes
34 hereof immediately upon its acceptance by a majority
35 of the legal voters voting at the election; provided
36 the total number of votes cast for and against the
37 acceptance of this Act equals or exceeds 30% of the
38 total votes for all candidates for Governor cast in
39 the next previous gubernatorial election in that
40 county. If, at any such first election, the total
41 number of votes cast for or against acceptance of

1 this Act is less than 30% of the total votes for all
2 candidates for Governor cast in that county in the
3 next previous gubernatorial election, the county com-
4 missioners may call not more than one other such spe-
5 cial election to be held within the time prescribed
6 above.

7 The result of such elections shall be declared by
8 the Franklin County Commissioners and due certificate
9 filed with the Secretary of State.

10 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited
11 in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when ap-
12 proved.

13 STATEMENT OF FACT

14 The purpose of this bill is to authorize a bond
15 issue in the amount of \$1,432,085 for renovations and
16 additions to the Franklin County Court House. This
17 issue is subject to ratification by the voters of
18 Franklin County.

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