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No. 1809

S.P. 614

In Senate, June 10, 1987

Approved for Introduction by a Majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BUSTIN of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Senator MATTHEWS of Kennebec,
Representative WEYMOUTH of West Gardiner, Representative HICKEY
of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**AN ACT to Authorize Kennebec County to Raise
Up to \$9,500,000 for Construction
and Improvement of Jail Facilities for
Kennebec County.**

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

8 **Sec. 1.** To raise money for construction and im-
9 **provement of jail facilities for Kennebec County.**
10 The county commissioners of the County of Kennebec
11 are authorized to raise and expend a sum not to ex-
12 ceed \$9,500,000 for renovation and expansion of the
13 county jail facility located in Augusta.

14 **Sec. 2.** Aid from other sources. The county com-
15 missioners of the County of Kennebec are authorized

1 to borrow any portion of the sums herein authorized
2 from or through any agency or department of the State
3 of Maine and of the Federal Government. The county
4 commissioners are authorized to receive grants of
5 money and other assistance from or through any agency
6 or department of the State of Maine and of the Feder-
7 al Government for any of the purposes authorized in
8 this Act.

9 **Sec. 3. Bonds.** To provide funds for the county
10 jail facility, the treasurer of Kennebec County, with
11 the approval of the county commissioners, may borrow
12 from time to time upon the full faith and credit of
13 the county such sums, not exceeding in the aggregate
14 \$9,500,000, as may be necessary and may issue bonds
15 therefor which shall bear on their face the words
16 "Kennebec County Capital Improvement Bonds Act of
17 1987." Each authorized issue shall be payable in
18 such annual installments, beginning not more than 2
19 years from the date thereof and not earlier than the
20 year 1989, as will extinguish each loan in not more
21 than 20 years from its date. The bonds shall be
22 signed by the treasurer of the county and counter-
23 signed by the majority of the county commissioners.
24 The county may sell the securities at public or pri-
25 vate sale upon such terms and conditions as the coun-
26 ty commissioners may deem proper, but at not less
27 than par and accrued interest.

28 **Sec. 4. Temporary notes.** The county treasurer,
29 with the approval of the county commissioners, may
30 issue temporary notes of the county, payable in not
31 more than one year from their dates, in anticipation
32 of the issue of serial bonds under this Act and may
33 renew the same, but the time within which such serial
34 bonds shall become due and payable shall not, by rea-
35 son of such temporary notes, be extended beyond the
36 term fixed by this Act. Any notes issued in antici-
37 pation of the serial bonds shall be paid from the
38 proceeds of the bonds.

39 **Sec. 5. Bonds authorized but not issued.** Any
40 bonds authorized but not issued, or for which bond
41 anticipation notes have not been issued within 5
42 years of the ratification of this Act, shall be
43 deauthorized and may not be issued, provided that the
44 Legislature may, within 2 years after the expiration

1 of that 5-year period, extend the period for issuing
2 any remaining unissued bonds or bond anticipation
3 notes for an additional amount of time not to exceed
4 5 years.

5 **Sec. 6. Referendum for ratification.** This Act
6 shall be submitted to the legal voters of Kennebec
7 County. The dates of such submission shall be de-
8 termined by the Kennebec County Board of Commission-
9 ers but not later than 18 months after adjournment of
10 the Legislature. The Kennebec County commissioners
11 are authorized to expend such funds as are necessary
12 to implement the referendum.

13 The county commissioners shall cause the prepara-
14 tion of the required ballots on which they shall
15 state the subject matter of this Act in the following
16 question:

17 "Shall the issuance of bonds be authorized in an
18 amount not to exceed \$9,500,000 for construction and
19 improvement of jail facilities for Kennebec County?"

20 The voters shall indicate by a cross or check
21 mark placed against the words "Yes" or "No" their
22 opinion of the same.

23 This Act shall take effect for all the purposes
24 hereof immediately upon its acceptance by a majority
25 of the legal voters voting at the election; provided
26 the total number of votes cast for and against the
27 acceptance of this Act equals or exceeds 30% of the
28 total votes for all candidates for Governor cast in
29 the next previous gubernatorial election in the coun-
30 ty. If at any such first election, the total number
31 of votes cast for or against acceptance of this Act
32 is less than 30% of the total votes for all candi-
33 dates for Governor cast in the county in the next
34 previous gubernatorial election, the county commis-
35 sioners may submit the question to voters not more
36 than one other time within the time prescribed in
37 this section.

38 The result of such elections shall be declared by
39 the Kennebec County commissioners and due certificate
40 filed with the Secretary of State.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Kennebec County commissioners to seek approval from county voters to raise up to \$9,500,000 for construction and improvement of jail facilities for Kennebec County.

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