

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1906

S.P. 673 In Senate, October 6, 1987  
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Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.  
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1987. Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government  
and 1,650 ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate  
Presented by President PRAY of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative THISTLE of Dover-Foxcroft,  
Representative HUSSEY of Milo, Representative GOULD of  
Greenville.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1           **AN ACT** Authorizing Certain Debt of the County  
2                   of Piscataquis for Renovation and  
3                   Expansion of Jail Facilities and  
4                   Ratifying Certain Action Taken by  
5                   Piscataquis County in Connection with  
6                   the Authorization of this Debt.  
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8           **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legis-  
9           lature do not become effective until 90 days after  
10          adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

11          Whereas, the present county jail facility located  
12          in Dover-Foxcroft is in need of immediate renovation  
13          and expansion in order to insure the safety and well-  
14          being of the inhabitants of Piscataquis County; and

1           Whereas, in Private and Special Law 1985, chapter  
2 105, the Legislature authorized the county commis-  
3 sioners of Piscataquis County to borrow and expend a  
4 sum not to exceed \$2,400,000 for renovation and ex-  
5 pansion of the county jail facility; and

6           Whereas, the voters of Piscataquis County ap-  
7 proved and authorized the project, the borrowing and  
8 the expenditure by vote of 4,646 in favor and 2,390  
9 opposed at a special election held on November 4,  
10 1986; and

11           Whereas, certain technical questions have been  
12 raised concerning the submission of Private and Spe-  
13 cial Law 1985, chapter 105, to the legal voters of  
14 Piscataquis County for a referendum vote and the ac-  
15 ceptance thereof by the voters pursuant to the refer-  
16 endum; and

17           Whereas, it is desirable that the county commis-  
18 sioners of Piscataquis County be authorized to borrow  
19 immediately a sum not to exceed \$2,400,000 for  
20 renovation and expansion of the county jail facility  
21 located in Dover-Foxcroft and to issue bonds or notes  
22 for a jail facility in accordance with Private and  
23 Special Law 1985, chapter 105; and

24           Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,  
25 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of  
26 the Constitution of Maine and require the following  
27 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-  
28 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,  
29 therefore,

30 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
31 follows:

32           **Authorization; ratification.** Notwithstanding  
33 Private and Special Law 1985, chapter 105, section 6,  
34 the county commissioners of Piscataquis County are  
35 authorized to borrow a sum not to exceed \$2,400,000  
36 for renovation and expansion of the county jail fa-  
37 cility located in Dover-Foxcroft and to issue bonds  
38 or notes for that purpose in accordance with Private  
39 and Special Law 1985, chapter 105, otherwise applica-  
40 ble to that law. All action taken in connection with

1 the authorization of borrowing and the acceptance of  
2 Private and Special Law 1985, chapter 105, at the  
3 election held on November 4, 1986, is hereby rati-  
4 fied, confirmed, approved and adopted and bonds or  
5 notes may be issued without the necessity of further  
6 proceedings by Piscataquis County.

7       **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited  
8 in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when ap-  
9 proved.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

11       The purpose of this bill is reflected in the  
12 emergency preamble.

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