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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 2633

H.P. 1932 House of Representatives, April 14, 1988

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.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative MELENDY of Rockland.

Cosponsored by Representatives ALLEN of Washington,
TAYLOR of Camden and Senator BRAUN of Knox.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT to Authorize Knox County to Raise
2 up to \$4,900,000 to Construct a New Jail
3 and Law Enforcement Facility.
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5 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
6 follows:

7 Sec. 1. To raise money for construction of a new
8 jail and law enforcement facility for Knox County.
9 The county commissioners of Knox County are authorized
10 to raise and expend a sum not to exceed \$4,900,000 for
11 construction of a new jail and law enforcement

1 facility to be located in Rockland.

2 **Sec. 2. Aid from other sources.** The county
3 commissioners of Knox County are authorized to borrow
4 any portion of the sums authorized in this Act from or
5 through any agency or department of the State and of
6 the Federal Government. The county commissioners are
7 authorized to receive grants of money and other
8 assistance from or through any agency or department
9 for any of the purposes authorized in this Act.

10 **Sec. 3. Bonds.** To provide funds for the county
11 jail facilities, the Treasurer of Knox County, with
12 the approval of the county commissioners, may borrow
13 from time to time upon the full faith and credit of
14 the county such sums, not exceeding in the aggregate
15 \$8,900,000, as may be necessary and may insure bonds
16 therefor which shall bear on their face the words
17 "Knox County Capital Improvement Bonds Act of 1988."
18 Each authorized issue shall be payable in such annual
19 installments, beginning not more than 2 years from the
20 date thereof and not earlier than the year 1989, as
21 will extinguish each loan in not more than 20 years
22 from its date. The bonds shall be signed by the
23 treasurer of the county and countersigned by the
24 majority of the county commissioners. The county may
25 sell the securities at public or private sale upon
26 such terms and conditions as the county commissioners
27 may deem proper, but at not less than par and accrued
28 interest.

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

40 **Sec. 5. Bonds authorized but not issued.** Any
41 bonds authorized but not issued, or for which bond
42 anticipation notes have not been issued within 5 years
43 of the ratification of this Act, shall be deauthorized

1 and may not be issued, provided that the Legislature
2 may, within 2 years after the expiration of that
3 5-year period, extend the period for issuing any
4 remaining unissued bonds or bond anticipation notes
5 for an additional amount of time not to exceed 5 years.

6 **Sec. 6. Referendum for ratification.** This Act
7 shall be submitted to the legal voters of Knox
8 County. The date of the submission shall be
9 determined by the Knox County Board of Commissioners
10 but not later than 18 months after adjournment of the
11 Legislature. Prior to establishing the referendum
12 date, the Knox County Board of Commissioners shall
13 select the site for the new facility within the City
14 of Rockland. The commissioners shall consult with the
15 Knox County legislative delegation before the final
16 site decision is made.

17 The county commissioners shall cause the
18 preparation of the required ballots on which they
19 shall state the subject matter of this Act in the
20 following question:

21 "Shall the issuance of bonds be authorized in an
22 amount not to exceed \$4,900,000 for the construction
23 of a new jail and law enforcement facility in Rockland
24 for Knox County?"

25 The ballot shall also contain the following
26 information, to be determined by the county
27 commissioners, which is to be accurate as of the date
28 when it is necessary to begin preparation of the
29 ballot questions:

30 1. A statement as to the total debt service of
31 the requested issue divided into principal and
32 interest and indicating the interest rate and period
33 of the bond; and

34 2. A statement as to the county's bonded
35 indebtedness prior to the requested bond issue.

36 The voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark
37 placed against the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion
38 of the same.

39 This Act shall take effect for all the purposes

1 hereof after the Knox County commissioners have
2 declared and certified the results of the election,
3 provided that the date of certification is not less
4 than 90 days after adjournment of the Legislature. In
5 order to be effective, the Act must be accepted by the
6 legal voters voting at the election; provided that the
7 total number of votes cast for and against the
8 acceptance of this Act equals or exceeds 30% of the
9 total votes for all candidates for Governor cast in
10 the next previous gubernatorial election in the
11 county. If at any such first election, the total
12 number of votes cast for or against acceptance of this
13 Act is less than 30% of the total votes for all
14 candidates for Governor cast in the county in the next
15 previous gubernatorial election, the county
16 commissioners may submit the question to voters not
17 more than one other time within the time prescribed in
18 this section.

19 The result of such elections shall be declared by
20 the Knox County commissioners and due certificate
21 filed with the Secretary of State.

22 STATEMENT OF FACT

23 The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Knox
24 County commissioners to seek approval from county
25 voters to raise up to \$4,900,000 for construction of a
26 new jail and law enforcement facility for Knox
27 County. The county will supplement these funds with
28 state funds that will be appropriated under the Maine
29 Revised Statutes, Title 34-A, section 1210.

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