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Received by the Clerk of the House on September 9, 1988. Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 14. EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk Presented by Representative CARTER of Winslow.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Clarify the Issuance of Securities by the Maine Court Facilities Authority.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

8 Whereas, under current law, no securities may be 9 issued by the Maine Court Facilities Authority until

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1 November 30, 1988 and then only after prior approval 2 of the Legislature; and

3 Whereas, important and much-needed improvements to 4 Maine court facilities must be financed by the 5 issuance of securities prior to November 30, 1988 to 6 avoid cost-increases and project delays; and

7 Whereas, the Legislature is unable to give such 8 approval upon adjournment and legislation is needed to 9 provide approval when the Legislature is not in 10 session; and

11 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these 12 facts create an emergency within the meaning of the 13 Constitution of Maine and require the following 14 legislation immediately necessary as for the 15 preservation of the public peace, health and safety; 16 now, therefore,

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17 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as 18 follows:

19 Sec. 1. 4 MRSA \$1606, sub-\$1, as amended by PL 20 1987, c. 816, Pt. KK, \$6 and as repealed by PL 1987, 21 c. 859, \$1, is reenacted to read:

22 Resolution for issuance of securities. The 23 Maine Court Facilities Authority may provide by resolution, at one time or from time to time, for issuance and sale by it of securities, in its 24 the 25 own name, for the purpose of paying the 26 cost of any 27 project, projects or part of any project, the or refinancing of existing indebtedness, approved by 28 the 29 No securities of the authority authority. may be 30 authorized and issued except pursuant to a resolution adopted by the vote of not less than a majority of the members of the authority. The resolution shall 31 32 33 describe the general purpose or purposes for which the 34 securities are to be issued and state the maximum principal amount of the securities proposed to 35 be 36 issued. No securities may be issued by the authority 37 without the prior approval of the Legislature.

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Sec. 2. 4 MRSA \$1606, sub-\$1-A, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 859, \$2, is amended to read:

Resolution for issuance of securities. The 1-A. Maine Court Facilities Authority may provide by resolution, at one time or from time to time, for the issuance and sale by it of securities, in its own name, for the purpose of paying the cost of any project, projects or part of any project, or the refinancing of existing indebtedness, approved by the authority. No securities of the authority may be authorized and issued except pursuant to a resolution No securities of the authority may be adopted by the vote of not less than a majority of the members of the authority. The resolution shall describe the general purpose or purposes for which the securities are to be issued and state the maximum principal amount of the securities proposed to be bу issued. securities may be issued the No without authority the prior approval of the Legislature-

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Sec. 3. PL 1987, c. 859, §3 is repealed.

21 Sec. 4. Effective date; application. Section 1 Act shall take effect and section 22 of this 2 is 23 repealed on November 30, 1988; provided that with 24 respect to any resolution authorizing the issuance of 25 securities adopted prior to November 30, 1988, section 2 of this Act applies until the securities authorized 26 27 by the resolution are delivered.

28 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency 29 cited in the preamble, this Act. shall take effect when 30 approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill authorizes the issuance of securities without prior approval of the Legislature by the Maine Court Facilities Authority, MCFA, from the date when the bill becomes effective to November 30, 1988. It corrects an error in the passage of Public Law 1987,

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chapter 859 which repealed the authority of the MCFA to issue securities prior to November 30th. The MCFA is in the process of financing a Superior Court addition to the Cumberland Courthouse facility which needs to be accomplished prior to November 30th.

6 The bill repeals that authority and reinstitutes 7 the provision which requires legislative approval, 8 effective November 30, 1988.

9 It also provides a savings clause for actions 10 taken prior to November 30th for which securities are 11 not delivered until on or after November 30th.

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