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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

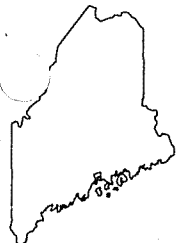
Presented by Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Authorize Aroostook County to Make Certain Expenditures
in the Renovations of the Houlton District Court.

(EMERGENCY)



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

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6 **Whereas,** there is an urgent need to renovate the Houlton
District Court building in order to improve air quality in the
building and in order to make it accessible to physically
8 disabled persons; and

10 **Whereas,** Aroostook County does not have money specifically
appropriated in this year's budget to pay for these necessary
12 improvements; and

14 **Whereas,** it is imperative that these renovations begin as
soon as reasonably possible; and

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18 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
20 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
safety; now, therefore,

22 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

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26 **County of Aroostook.** Notwithstanding the Maine Revised
Statutes, Title 30-A, sections 922 and 924, the commissioners of
Aroostook County may make a one-time transfer of accrued interest
28 to the county's contingent fund, in an amount not to exceed
\$200,000. These funds shall be used for the purpose of
30 renovating the Houlton District Court building. The use of the
fund for this purpose shall be subject to the determination by
32 the county commissioners that such renovation constitutes an
emergency purpose.

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36 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

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40 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

42 Under current law, a county's spending is limited by its
current budget. Aroostook County does not have money
44 specifically appropriated in the current year's budget to pay for
necessary renovations to the Houlton District Court building.
46 The county does have available to it, however, interest earned on
\$2,500,000 of bonds sold to finance the construction of a jail.
48 This bill authorizes the Aroostook County commissioners to
transfer this accrued interest to its contingent account for the
50 purpose of financing the necessary renovations on the Houlton
District Court building.