

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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115th MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1991

Legislative Document

No. 1962

S.P. 766

In Senate, June 26, 1991

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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CAHILL of Sagadahoc

Cosponsored by Representative COLES of Harpswell, Representative SMALL of Bath and
Representative CHONKO of Topsham.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

**An Act to Allow a Referendum in Sagadahoc County Regarding a
Bi-county Work Center with Kennebec County.**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)



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

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Whereas, the adjournment date of the First Regular Session
6 of the 115th Legislature is uncertain; and

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Whereas, Sagadahoc County has an immediate need for housing
for prisoners; and

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Whereas, Sagadahoc County may have an opportunity to
12 cooperate with Kennebec County on a detention facility, and other
opportunities may be available; and

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Whereas, to meet the immediate need, Sagadahoc County needs
16 a referendum to obtain consent of the county in November; and

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Whereas, the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 934
incorporates by reference Title 30-A, section 122, which requires
20 the question to be decided at municipalities' annual meetings or
elections for choosing state or municipal officers; and

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Whereas, those elections, which will not take place until
24 1992, will not meet the proposed schedule; and

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Whereas, Title 30-A, section 454 requires clarification
regarding Sagadahoc County's authorization to own a detention
28 facility outside the county seat or county; and

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Whereas, Sagadahoc County may have to issue bonds for the
detention facility, which must first be approved by the
32 Legislature; and

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

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

42 **Sec. 1. Approval of voters; Sagadahoc County.** Notwithstanding
the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, sections 121, 122 and
44 934, Sagadahoc County may seek approval of the voters for a
detention facility at the statewide election to be held in
46 November 1991.

