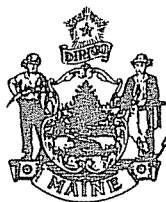


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House of Representatives, March 12, 1992

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 "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**An Act Authorizing Aroostook County to Raise Funds for Renovations
to the Aroostook County Jail.**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)



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

Whereas, there is an urgent need to construct and install a new master control panel at the Aroostook County Jail; and

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

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

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 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §934, as amended by PL 1989, c. 104, Pt. C. §§8 and 10, is further amended to read:

§934. Loans

The county commissioners may obtain loans of money for the use of their county and cause notes or obligations, with coupons for lawful interest, to be issued for payment of the loans. These loans may not exceed \$10,000, except in Franklin County and Aroostook County as provided in ~~section~~ sections 935 and 935-A, without first obtaining the consent of the county, substantially as provided in section 122.

Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §935-A is enacted to read:

§935-A. Aroostook County loans

The county commissioners of Aroostook County may obtain loans of money for the use of Aroostook County, not to exceed \$95,000, and cause notes or obligations, with coupons for lawful interest, to be issued for payment of the loans. Any loans of money in excess of \$10,000 may be incurred only for the purpose of building, rebuilding, altering or otherwise improving county-owned real estate and personal property in that real estate.

Sec. 3. Aroostook County. 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 to the county's contingent fund in an amount not

2 to exceed \$85,000. This interest was earned on \$3,000,000 in
4 bonds issued to finance the renovations and additions to the
6 Aroostook County Jail. The funds transferred must be used for
8 the construction and installation of a new jail master control
10 panel.

12 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
14 preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

16 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

18 Current law requires that county commissioners must obtain
20 permission from the county to obtain any loan in excess of
\$10,000. This bill allows the Aroostook County commissioners to
borrow up to \$95,000 without first obtaining permission from the
county. The bill also authorizes the Aroostook County
commissioners to transfer accrued interest to the county's
contingent account for the purpose of financing the necessary
renovations to the Aroostook County Jail.