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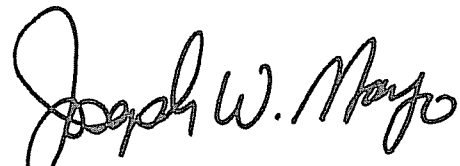
H.P. 351

House of Representatives, February 11, 1993

An Act Authorizing the Kennebec County Commissioners to Issue Bonds in the Amount of \$300,000 for Completion of the Renovation and Expansion of the County Jail Building in Augusta.

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative JACQUES of Waterville.
Cosponsored by Senator BUSTIN of Kennebec and
Representatives: CLEMENT of Clinton, MARSH of West Gardiner, MITCHELL of Vassalboro,
TREAT of Gardiner, Senator: CAREY of Kennebec.

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 voters of Kennebec County, by referendum, have
6 approved the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$7,900,000 for
renovation and expansion of the county jail and law enforcement
8 facilities located in Augusta; and

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Whereas, those bonds have been issued and the renovation and
expansion is nearing completion; and

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Whereas, bonds in the additional amount of \$300,000 must be
14 issued to pay the cost of completion of the renovation and
expansion; and

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Whereas, the Kennebec County Budget Committee, Kennebec
18 County commissioners and the Kennebec County legislative
delegation have unanimously approved the request for issuance of
20 bonds in the additional amount of \$300,000; and

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Whereas, it is necessary that this legislation be enacted as
an emergency measure in order to meet the May 1st financing
24 deadline of the Maine Municipal Bond Bank; and

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

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

34 **Sec. 1. Bonds.** To provide funds for completion of the
renovation and expansion of the county jail and law enforcement
36 facilities located in Augusta, in addition to the amount
authorized to be raised and expended pursuant to Private and
38 Special Law 1987, chapter 113, the treasurer of Kennebec County,
with the approval of the county commissioners, may borrow upon
40 the full faith and credit of the county such sums as necessary,
not exceeding in the aggregate \$300,000, and may issue bonds
42 therefor. Each authorized issue is payable in such annual
installments, beginning no earlier than October 1, 1994, as will
44 extinguish each loan on or before December 31, 2013. The bonds
must be signed by the county treasurer and countersigned by the
46 majority of the county commissioners. The county may sell the
securities at public or private sale upon such terms and
48 conditions as the county commissioners may determine proper, but
at not less than par and accrued interest.

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2 **Sec. 2. Temporary notes.** The county treasurer, with the
4 approval of the county commissioners, may issue temporary notes
6 of the county, payable in not more than one year from the date of
8 issue, in anticipation of the issue of bonds under this Act and
10 may renew the temporary notes, but the time within which the
12 bonds become due and payable may not be extended beyond the term
14 fixed by this Act by reason of such temporary notes. Any notes
16 issued in anticipation of the bonds must be paid from the
18 proceeds of the bonds.

20 **Sec. 3. Referendum not required.** Notwithstanding the Maine
22 Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, sections 122 and 934, this Act
24 becomes valid upon enactment without being submitted to the
26 voters of Kennebec County.

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

22 The voters of Kennebec County authorized borrowing
24 \$7,900,000 for renovation and expansion of the county jail and
26 law enforcement facilities in Augusta. This bill authorizes the
28 Kennebec County commissioners to issue additional bonds in the
30 amount of \$300,000, which is needed to pay costs for which state
funds are no longer available. Section 3 of the bill exempts
this legislation from the requirement of a referendum.