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Resolve, Authorizing Aroostook County to Issue Bonds for the Northern Maine Development Commission, Inc..

(EMERGENCY)

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator KIEFFER of Aroostook. (GOVERNOR'S BILL). Cosponsored by Representative MacBRIDE of Presque Isle and Senators: LUDWIG of Aroostook, PARADIS of Aroostook, Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, ANDERSON of Woodland, CLUKEY of Houlton, DONNELLY of Presque Isle, JOY of Island Falls, KNEELAND of Easton, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, ROBICHAUD of Caribou, YOUNG of Limestone.

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

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Whereas, the Northern Maine Development Commission, Inc. has an opportunity for a limited time to finance a portion of its existing debt by utilizing the Municipal Securities Approval Program under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, chapter 110, subchapter IV and administered by the Finance Authority of Maine; 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

Sec. 1. Authority to issue and sell bonds. Resolved: notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, sections 122 and 934, or any other provision of law, the Aroostook County Commissioners, without obtaining the consent of the voters of Aroostook County, may issue and sell revenue securities in the forms of bonds or notes of Aroostook County for the purpose of refinancing notes issued by the Northern Maine Development Commission, Inc. in the aggregate principal amount of \$310,000, which notes have been issued for the purpose of financing renovation of the commission's building and other authorized purposes under the laws of Maine and the commission's charter. These bonds must be payable over a period not to exceed 15 years and must be signed by the Treasurer of Aroostook County and countersigned by the Chair of the County Commissioners. county may sell the bonds to a lender selected by the Aroostook County Commissioners upon such terms and conditions as the Aroostook County Commissioners and the lender may approve; and be it further

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Sec. 2. No referendum required. Resolved: That the authority to issue these bonds under this resolve is valid and effective without being submitted to the voters of Aroostook County; and be it further

Sec. 3. Aroostook County deemed municipality. Resolved: That the bonds must be issued by the county as revenue obligation securities of Aroostook County under the Municipal Securities Approval Program, the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, chapter 110, subchapter IV and for the purposes of issuing the bonds, Aroostook County is deemed a municipality for all purposes under Title 10 and Aroostook County has all powers of a municipality under Maine law for the purpose of issuing the bonds. The bonds are not a general obligation or pledge of the faith or credit of Aroostook County.

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Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

The Northern Maine Development Commission, Inc. has an opportunity to refinance a portion of its debt at a lower interest rate than currently exists, resulting in savings to the more than 70 member municipalities of the commission. This financing is to be obtained for the use of the commission by Aroostook County as the issuer of the debt pursuant to the Municipal Securities Approval Program administered by the Finance Authority of Maine. The debt will not be a general obligation or pledge of the faith or credit of Aroostook County.

This document has not yet been reviewed to determine the need for cross-reference, stylistic and other technical amendments to conform existing law to current drafting standards.