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6	STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
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14	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 119TH LEGISLATURE
16	FIRST REGULAR SESSION
18	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "Ho H.P. 1533, L.D. 2186, Bill, "An
20	Act to Authorize York County to Hold Bond Referenda for New County Facilities"
22	Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the
24	enacting clause the following:
26	'Mandate preamble. This measure requires one or more local units of government to expand or modify activities so as to
28	necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues but does not provide funding for at least 90% of those expenditures.
30	Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 21, two thirds of all of the members elected to each House have
32	determined it necessary to enact this measure.'
34	Further amend the bill in Part B by striking out all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:
36	'Sec. B-1. To raise money for the construction of county office
38	facilities for York County. The county commissioners of York County are authorized to raise and expend a sum not to exceed \$5,000,000
10	for construction of county office facilities located in York County.'
12	Further amend the bill in Part B in section 3 in the first
14	and 2nd lines (page 3, lines 20 and 21 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "the county courthouse addition" and inserting in
16	its place the following: 'county office facilities'
18	Further amend the bill in Part B by striking out all of

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Further amend the bill in Part B in section 7 in the 2nd paragraph in the 4th and 5th lines (page 4, lines 22 and 23 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "an addition to the county courthouse" and inserting in its place the following: 'county office facilities'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

'FISCAL NOTE

This bill requires York County to hold a referendum. The additional costs of this state mandate can not be determined at this time. Pursuant to the Mandate Preamble, the two-thirds vote of all members elected to each House exempts the State from the constitutional requirement to fund 90% of the additional local costs.

The Department of the Secretary of State will incur some minor additional costs related to the filing of the referendum results. These costs can be absorbed within the Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions' existing budgeted resources.

If approved by the voters of York County, this bill may have a future impact on the Department of Corrections. If a county experiences at least a 10% increase in the total annual jail operating budget or if a county issues a bond for the construction of a new jail or renovation of an existing jail, then the county may file a request with the department for an increase in the amount of state funds the county receives for the support of prisoners. The department shall review the request, and if the county demonstrates a need for the increase, the department shall forward the request to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over corrections and criminal justice matters."

SUMMARY

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This amendment changes Part B of the bill by replacing references to "addition to the county courthouse" with "county office facilities." It also adds a mandate preamble and a fiscal note to the bill.

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