

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 330

In Senate, February 24, 2005

**Resolve, To Allow the Somerset County Jail To Be Built within One
Mile of the County Seat**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Joy J. O'Brien'.

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MILLS of Somerset.
Cosponsored by Representative CURTIS of Madison and
Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis, Representatives: FINCH of Fairfield, FITTS of Pittsfield,
PINEAU of Jay, PINKHAM of Lexington Township, RICHARDSON of Skowhegan,
STEDMAN of Hartland, THOMAS of Ripley.

2 **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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6 **Whereas,** breaking ground for the new Somerset County jail is
imminent; and

8 **Whereas,** a delay in the implementation of this legislation
will cause a delay in the construction of the jail, leading to
unnecessary costs and delays; and

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12 **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

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18 **Sec. 1. Location of Somerset County jail. Resolved:** That,
notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section
122, the Somerset County jail may be built within one mile of
Skowhegan.

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

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SUMMARY

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30 Current law requires a county building to be located within
the county seat unless the voters in the county vote to locate
the building elsewhere.

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34 This resolve allows the Somerset County jail to be built
within one mile of the county seat, Skowhegan.