

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 11, 2021

### **An Act To Clarify the Bonding Authority of Counties for Capital Maintenance Projects**

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative MARTIN of Sinclair.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §939** is enacted to read:

3 **§939. Bonding for capital maintenance projects**

4 Notwithstanding any county charter provision to the contrary except as set forth in this  
5 section, a county board of commissioners may issue tax-supported bonds, notes or other  
6 securities and financial instruments of the county for capital maintenance projects in any  
7 year in an amount up to 1/10 of one mill based upon the county's property valuation or in  
8 a greater amount if the amount is specified in the county charter or upon approval through  
9 a county bond referendum election.

10 **SUMMARY**

11 This bill authorizes a county to issue bonds for capital maintenance projects in a single  
12 year without the need for a bond issue referendum, as long as the total amount of the bonds  
13 does not exceed 1/10 of one mill of the county's property valuation. If a county charter  
14 provision provides for a higher total amount of bonds that may be issued for such projects  
15 without a bond issue referendum, that charter provision is valid.