

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 722

House of Representatives, March 30, 1917.

Printed under joint rules.

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN

AN ACT to authorize the county of Aroostook to enlarge and
repair the Court Houses at Houlton and Caribou in said
county.

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

Section 1. The county of Aroostook is hereby authorized
2 and empowered to expend so much as shall be needed not
3 to exceed in all the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars in
4 altering, enlarging, repairing and equipping the Court House
5 at Houlton in said county and the Court House at Caribou
6 in said county, and in enlarging, remodeling and rebuilding
7 at Houlton the vaults for the records of the Clerk of Courts,
8 the Register of Probate, and the Register of Deeds, so as

9 to make them safe for the keeping of the records of said
10 county offices.

Sect. 2. For the purpose of raising the money necessary
2 to carry out the provisions of this act, said county through
3 its county commissioners is hereby authorized and empow-
4 ered to make a loan or loans and to cause notes or obliga-
5 tions of said county with coupons for interest at a rate not
6 to exceed six percent to be issued, payable at regular pe-
7 riods not exceeding twenty years from the date of issuance.
8 Said commissioners shall determine the amount, time of pay-
9 ment, rate of interest, (not exceeding six percent) and form
10 of said notes or obligations and may issue the same from
11 time to time as the money is needed to pay for the work
12 done under this act.

Sect. 3. Frederick A. Powers of Houlton, Delmont Emer-
2 son of Island Falls, H. D. Collins of Caribou, Herbert W.
3 Trafton of Fort Fairfield and Patrick Theriault of Grand
4 Isle, all in said county, are hereby constituted and appoint-
5 ed a commission to prepare plans and make contracts for
6 the carrying out of the provisions of this act, and said com-
7 mission is hereby vested with full power to determine the
8 amount of money to be spent in altering, repairing and en-
9 larging said court houses or either of them, and to deter-
10 mine the kind and extent of the repairs and extensions to
11 be done on either of said court houses, if any, and shall
12 have power to determine what amount of money shall be
13 spent on the court house at Houlton and what amount shall

14 be spent on the court house at Caribou, and shall have pow-
15 er to employ architects to assist in determining the neces-
16 sary repairs, extensions, and improvements on said court
17 houses or either of them. Said commissioners may organ-
18 ize and appoint necessary officers and may authorize any
19 member or members of the commission to act for the com-
20 mission in carrying out the provisions of this act. Said
21 commission shall have the power to fill vacancies existing
22 for any cause, and shall serve without pay, but all neces-
23 sary expenses of said commission in carrying out the pro-
24 visions of this act shall be paid out of the money raised un-
25 der this act.

And whereas the law requires all contracts for public
2 building construction to be made after public notice and
3 public bidding, which takes time, and whereas it is neces-
4 sary to construct the buildings and safety vaults called for
5 in said act, forthwith and during the summer season of nine-
6 teen hundred seventeen, and whereas the public interest in
7 the records of the county of Aroostook requires that the
8 said records be immediately protected, and whereas, by rea-
9 son of the foregoing facts an emergency exists such as is
10 contemplated by the Constitution of Maine and the passage
11 of this act is immediately necessary to the public good,

Resolved in view of the emergency set forth herein this
2 act, two-thirds of all the members elected to each House
3 having so directed, shall take effect when approved.