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No. 61

S. P. 140

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ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Mitchell of Aroostook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Authorize the County of Aroostook to Enlarge and Repair the Court House at Houlton in Said County, and to Erect a Central Heating Plant for Said Court House and the County Jail in Said Houlton.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the law requires all contracts for public building construction to be made after public notice and public bidding, which takes time, and,

Whereas, it is necessary to construct the buildings and safety vaults called for in this act, forthwith, and during the summer season of nineteen hundred twenty-seven, and,

Whereas, the public interest in the records of the county of Aroostook requires that the said records be immediately protected, and,

Whereas, by reason of the foregoing facts an emergency exists such as is contemplated by the constitution of this state, and the passage of this act is immediately necessary for the preservation of the public health, peace and safety, therefore, Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section 1. Expenditure of \$125,000 authorized for the enlargement and repair of county court house, reconstruction of safety vaults and construction of central heating plant. The county of Aroostook is hereby authorized and empowered to expend so much as shall be needed not to exceed in all the sum of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars in altering, enlarging, repairing and equipping the court house at Houlton in said county and in enlarging, remodeling and rebuilding the vaults for the records of the clerk of courts, the register of probate, and the register of deeds so as to make them safe for the keeping of the records of said county offices, and in building and equipping a central heating plant on the premises owned by the county of Aroostook in said Houlton for the heating of said court house and the county jail building located in said Houlton and in providing additional facilities for the offices of county commissioners, county treasurer, county attorney, register of deeds, grand jury rooms, law library, judges' rooms, consultation rooms, toilet facilities and such other things necessarily incidental to any of the foregoing purposes.

Sect. 2. Loan authorized. For the purpose of raising the

2 money necessary to carry out the provisions of this act,
3 said county, through its county commissioners, is hereby
4 authorized and empowered to make a loan or loans and to
5 cause notes, or obligations of said county with coupons for
6 interest at a rate not to exceed five per cent, to be issued,
7 payable at regular periods not to exceed twenty years from
8 the date of issuance. Said commissioners shall determine
9 the amount, time of payment, rate of interest (not exceed-
10 ing five per cent) and form of said notes or obligations and
11 shall have power to determine whether all, or a portion of
12 any notes or obligations issued hereunder, shall contain any
13 provisions for calling the same, and may determine such
14 call provisions, and shall also determine whether all, or any
15 portion of said notes, or obligations shall be in serial form,
16 or otherwise, and may issue the same from time to time
17 as the money is needed to pay for the work done under
18 this act.

Sect. 3. Commission created, with full powers to make
2 plans and supervise work. Samuel P. Archibald of Houl-
3 ton, George W. York of Island Falls and George R. Um-
4 phrey of Washburn, being the county commissioners in and
5 for said county of Aroostook, and Bernard Archibald, at-
6 torney, of Houlton, and Judson O. Briggs, merchant, of
7 Caribou, all in said county, are hereby constituted and ap-
8 pointed a commission to prepare plans and make contracts
9 for the carrying out of the provisions of this act, and said
10 commission is hereby vested with full power to determine

11 the amount of money to be spent in altering, repairing and
12 enlarging said court house, and in carrying out all the pro-
13 visions of this act, and to determine the kind and extent of
14 the repairs and extensions to be done on said court house,
15 if any, and shall have power to determine what amount of
16 money shall be spent on said court house at Houlton and
17 in building and equipping said central heating plant for said
18 court house and said county jail, and shall have power to
19 employ architects and inspectors to assist in determining
20 the necessary repairs, extensions and improvements on said
21 court house and in supervising any work to be done here-
22 under. Said commissioners may organize and appoint nec-
23 essary officers and may authorize any member or members
24 of the commission to act for the commission in carrying
25 out the provisions of this act. Said commission shall have
26 the power to fill vacancies existing for any cause, and shall
27 serve without pay, but all necessary expenses of said com-
28 mission in carrying out the provisions of this act shall be
29 paid out of the money raised under this act.

Sect. 4. Chapter one hundred ninety-five of the private
2 and special laws of Maine for the year nineteen hundred
3 seventeen is hereby repealed.

Sect. 5. Emergency clause. In view of the emergency
2 cited in the preamble, this act, two-thirds of all the mem-
3 bers elected to the legislature having so directed, shall take
4 effect when approved.