

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 885**

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S. P. 561

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Reported by Senator Crosby of Penobscot from Special Joint Committee and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

New Draft of S. P. 41.

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### STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to Authorize the County of Penobscot, Through Its County Commissioners, to Remodel and Equip the County Jail; and to Authorize the Said Penobscot County, Through Its Said Commissioners, to Borrow Money and Issue Notes or Other Obligations of Said Penobscot County in the Premises.

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#### EMERGENCY PREAMBLE

Where the County Jail at Bangor in and for the County of Penobscot is so wholly inadequate, disgracefully overcrowded and admittedly antiquated as to constitute a serious menace to the health of the inmates, and,

Whereas it is the legal duty of the County Commissioners of said Penobscot County to provide and keep in repair a jail with apartments for debtors separate from criminals, to take necessary precaution for the security of prisoners, for their accommodations and employment, and for the prevention of infection and sickness, and,

Whereas by reason of the large number of prisoners now committed to said jail by the Courts of this State as well as by the Courts of the United States, the limited and antiquated facilities and accommodations are so severely overtaxed that

the health of the prisoners, both State and Federal, is constantly jeopardized by the recurrence of serious epidemics, and,

Whereas the public interest in the proper maintenance, upkeep and accommodations of said jail and the health of the prisoners require that certain structural changes and enlargements be made to said jail, that modern and sanitary accommodations and equipment be installed, and,

Whereas it is necessary for said Penobscot County to secure an immediate loan to provide for such remodeling and equipment of said jail, in order that work may be commenced as soon as possible, and,

Whereas by reason of the foregoing facts an emergency exists 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. That said County of Penobscot, through its County Commissioners, is hereby empowered and authorized, by contracts or otherwise, to remodel, enlarge and equip the County Jail at Bangor in said County, such construction, remodelling, enlargement and equipment to cover all such things as may be necessary and incidental thereto; and for the foregoing purposes and in order to provide for the payment of said construction, remodelling, enlargement and equipment to borrow money in a sum not to exceed \$75,000 and cause to be issued therefor notes of said County of Penobscot, or other obligations of said County of Penobscot, with coupons attached for interest at a rate not to exceed 5% per annum, payable at regular periods not to exceed twenty years from their date. Said Commissioners shall determine the amount, time of payment, rate of interest not exceeding 5% per annum, whether interest shall be payable annually or semi-annually, and form of said notes or obligations, and shall have power to determine whether all, or a portion of any notes or obligations issued hereunder, shall contain any provisions for calling the same, and may determine such call provisions, and shall also determine whether all, or any portion, of said notes or obligations, shall be in serial form or otherwise, and may issue the same from time to time as the money is needed to pay for the construction, remodelling and equipment done and provided for under this act.

Sec. 2. Said notes or obligations shall be valid without first obtaining the consent of the towns and cities of said County of Penobscot as provided in sections eighteen and twenty of chapter ninety-two of the Revised Statutes.

Sec. 3. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.