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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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its present rights, powers and privileges is hereby renewed and extended for, and over said period of fifteen years.

Approved March 28, 1927.

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## Chapter 56

An Act to Authorize the County of Aroostook to Enlarge and Repair the Court House at Houlton and to Erect a Central Heating Plant.

**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:*

**Sec. 1. County authorized to expend money in repair of court house.** 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.

**Sec. 2. County authorized to make loans and issue notes and obligations.** For the purpose of raising the money necessary to carry out the provisions of this act, said county, through its county commissioners, is

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hereby authorized and empowered to make a loan or loans and to cause notes, or obligations of said county with coupons for interest at a rate not to exceed five per cent, to be issued, payable at regular periods not to exceed twenty years from the date of issuance. Said commissioners shall determine the amount, time of payment, rate of interest (not exceeding five per cent) 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 work done under this act.

**Sec. 3. Commission constituted; powers; organization; vacancies.** Samuel P. Archibald of Houlton, George W. York of Island Falls and George R. Umphrey of Washburn, being the county commissioners in and for said county of Aroostook, and Bernard Archibald, attorney, of Houlton, and Judson O. Briggs, merchant, of Caribou, all in said county, are hereby constituted and appointed a commission to prepare plans and make contracts for the carrying out of the provisions of this act, and said commission is hereby vested with full power to determine the amount of money to be spent in altering, repairing and enlarging said court house, and in carrying out all the provisions of this act, and to determine the kind and extent of the repairs and extensions to be done on said court house, if any, and shall have power to determine what amount of money shall be spent on said court house at Houlton and in building and equipping said central heating plant for said court house and said county jail, and shall have power to employ architects and inspectors to assist in determining the necessary repairs, extensions and improvements on said court house and in supervising any work to be done hereunder. Said commissioners may organize and appoint necessary officers and may authorize any member or members of the commission to act for the commission in carrying out the provisions of this act. Said commission shall have the power to fill vacancies existing for any cause, and shall serve without pay, but all necessary expenses of said commission in carrying out the provisions of this act shall be paid out of the money raised under this act.

**Sec. 4. P. & S. L., 1917, c. 195; relating to authority to enlarge and repair Houlton court house, repealed.** Chapter one hundred ninety-five of the private and special laws for the year nineteen hundred seventeen is hereby repealed.

**Sec. 5. Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 28, 1927.

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## Chapter 57

An Act to Confer the Power to Issue Subpoenas to the City Council and Civil Service Commission of the City of Portland.

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

**Sec. 1. Clerks of courts authorized to issue summons for witnesses to appear at meetings of Portland city council; how served.** The clerks of the supreme judicial and superior courts may issue summons for witnesses to attend and to produce books, documents and papers at any meeting of the city council or of the civil service commission of the city of Portland at which a hearing is had in any matter regarding any alleged dereliction of duty of any city officer or any person in the employ of the city. Said summons shall be served as summons are required to be served in matters before the supreme judicial or superior courts.

**Sec. 2. Penalty for failure to obey summons; jurisdiction of offense.** On complaint of failure to obey said summons to the municipal court of the city of Portland, which court is expressly given jurisdiction to hear such complaints, said municipal court, if it finds failure to obey said summons to be without reasonable excuse, shall impose a fine of not less than ten nor more than one hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more than thirty days or both fine and imprisonment.

Approved March 28, 1927.

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## Chapter 58

An Act to Amend the Charter of the Maine Real Estate Title Company.

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

**P. & S. L., 1915, c. 120, sec. 1; relating to incorporation of Maine Real Estate Title Co., amended.** Section one of chapter one hundred and twenty of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred and fifteen is hereby amended by striking out of line ten thereof the words "to certify and issue" and in place thereof by substituting the words 'to examine, guarantee and insure,' so that the said section as amended will read as follows:

**Section 1. Authorized to examine, guarantee and insure title to real estate.** Frederick H. Appleton, Horace C. Chapman, Thomas U. Coe,