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IN ACCORDANCE WITH MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,
TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

J.S. McCarthy Company
Augusta, Maine
1997

This description is based upon said Dirigo plan. The bearings herein refer to Grid North, NAD 83, and were established by GPS observation.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 81

S.P. 867 - L.D. 2280

An Act Authorizing Certain Debt of Hancock County for Construction of a New Jail and Courthouse Renovations and Ratifying Certain Action Taken by Hancock County in Connection with the Authorization of this Debt

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, Hancock County needs a new jail facility in order to ensure the safety and well-being of the inhabitants of Hancock County; and

Whereas, the need exists for renovations at the Hancock County Courthouse to comply with state mandates; and

Whereas, in Private and Special Law 1997, chapter 40, the Legislature authorized the county commissioners of Hancock County to borrow and expend a sum not to exceed \$6,000,000 for construction of a new county jail facility and courthouse renovations; and

Whereas, the voters of Hancock County approved and authorized the project, the borrowing and expenditure at a referendum election held on November 4, 1997; and

Whereas, certain technical questions have been raised concerning the submission of Private and Special Law 1997, chapter 40 to the legal voters of Hancock County for a referendum vote and the acceptance thereof by the voters pursuant to the referendum; and

Whereas, it is desirable that the county commissioners of Hancock County immediately are authorized to borrow a sum not to exceed \$6,000,000 for construction of a new county jail facility and courthouse renovation and to issue bonds or notes for this project in accordance with Private and Special Law 1997, chapter 40; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following

legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. Authorization; ratification. Notwithstanding Private and Special Law 1997, chapter 40, section 7 or any other provision of law, the county commissioners of Hancock County are authorized to borrow a sum not to exceed \$6,000,000 for construction of the new county jail facility and renovation of the courthouse located in Ellsworth and to issue bonds or notes for that purpose in accordance with Private and Special Law 1997, chapter 40. All action taken in connection with the authorization of borrowing and the acceptance of Private and Special Law 1997, chapter 40, at the referendum election held on November 4, 1997, is hereby ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted, and bonds or notes may be issued without the necessity of further proceedings or approval of the voters of Hancock County.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

Effective April 3, 1998.
