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CHAPTER 58**H.P. 988 - L.D. 1386****Resolve, to Establish a Police Cadet Program for the State, Municipal and County Law Enforcement Agencies****Sec. 1. Police cadet program. Resolved:**

That the Department of Public Safety, in cooperation with the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the Department of Conservation, the Department of Marine Resources, the Maine Chiefs of Police Association, the Maine Sheriffs Association and the University of Maine at Augusta, shall develop and implement a police cadet program for youth who have graduated from high school or have a high school equivalency diploma. Existing police cadet programs in this State and in other states may be used as models; and be it further

Sec. 2. Proposal and report. Resolved:

That the Department of Public Safety shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice by December 15, 1999 regarding all proposals to implement and fund the state, local and municipal law enforcement agency cadet program.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 59**H.P. 703 - L.D. 970****Resolve, Authorizing the Knox County Commissioners to Borrow Not More than \$1,000,000 for Construction or Renovation of a District Court and Office Areas in Knox County**

Mandate preamble. This measure requires one or more local units of government to expand or modify activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues but does not provide funding for at least 90% of those expenditures. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 21, two thirds of all of the members elected to each House have determined it necessary to enact this measure.

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

Whereas, Knox County has limited space to provide for a District Court; and

Whereas, the need exists for an expanded District Court in Knox County; and

Whereas, the county commissioners must begin the necessary preparation of the ballot to be presented to voters of Knox County; 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

Sec. 1. Authorize borrowing of money.

Resolved: That the Knox County commissioners are authorized to borrow and expend a sum not to exceed \$1,000,000 for construction or renovation of a District Court and office areas in Knox County; and be it further

Sec. 2. Referendum for ratification. Resolved:

That this resolve must be submitted to the legal voters of Knox County. The dates of submission must be determined by the Knox County commissioners, but may not be later than 18 months after adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 119th Legislature. The Knox County commissioners are authorized to expend the funds necessary to implement the referendum.

The county commissioners shall cause the preparation of the required ballots on which the county commissioners shall state the subject matter of this resolve in the following question:

"Do you favor authorizing the Knox County commissioners to borrow an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 for construction or renovation of the District Court and office areas in Knox County?"

The voters shall indicate by a cross or a check mark placed against the word "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the question.

This resolve takes effect immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters voting at the election if the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this resolve equals or exceeds 30% of the total votes for all candidates for Governor cast in the most recent gubernatorial election in the county. If at the first election the total number of votes for and against acceptance of this resolve is less than 30% of the total votes for all candidates for Governor cast in the most recent gubernatorial election, the county commissioners may submit the question to voters not more than one other time within the time prescribed in this section.