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BILL SUMMARIES
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Adopted Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "COMMITTEE" if it is a committee amendment.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

Please let us know if you would prefer a different format or additional information and if the summaries are helpful.

Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

OTP	Ought to Pass
OTP-ND	Ought to Pass in New Draft
OTP-ND-NT	Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
OTP-A	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

The bonds would be paid with revenues derived from rental charges paid by the courts to use the new court buildings. The rental fees would be provided in the budget and approved by the Legislature for the judiciary. The bonds issued by the Authority are not general obligation bonds.

Currently most court facilities are leased facilities (see enclosed letter). For example, of the 33 district courts statewide, 25 are leased space from governmental entities and 7 are leased from private developers. One facility is state-owned. A total of \$1,014,436 will be expended to lease district court facilities for the 1986-87 fiscal year.

One aspect of this issue is the steadily increasing rise in rents over which the state has no control. To some, this bill could help control future costs of the judicial branch of government.

The other aspect of this issue relates to the substantial increase in court cases which has made some facilities inadequate. This bill, to some, could help alleviate the overcrowded court system.

The bill was amended to:

- A. establish a \$15,000,000 bond ceiling;
- B. prohibit the use of Court Facility Authority bonds to finance construction of a new Supreme Judicial Court Facility outside Portland;
- C. require the approval of the Legislature of any court facility to replace an existing court facility located in a county-owned building;
- D. make the Treasurer of State a member of the Court Facilities Authority;
- E. enable the Court Facility Authority to use the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to assist the Authority to issue its bonds.

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS RELATING TO COMMUNITY
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

ND LD 1723

Sponsor: PRAY, Clark, M., Gauvreau, Carroll
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1723.

SUMMARY: See ND LD 1723.