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Part II County and Local

BILL SUMMARY



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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.

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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                |

In 1984 a bond issue for \$1.4 million was authorized by the Legislature and the county voters for renovation and additions to the Washington County jail. Subsequently, the lowest bid received was for \$2.1 million. Therefore in 1986 the Legislature authorized an additional \$700,000 in funding.

Construction was begun in 1986 and some \$338,000 in additional expenses were and will be incurred. Therefore, this bill authorizes borrowing the necessary funds by adding to the current bond issue. This bill requests \$350,000 for this purpose. This will raise the total authorized funding for the jail construction to \$2,450,000. There is currently an agreement with the Farmers Home Administration for 20 year bonds at a 5% rate of interest. This is the county's only bonded indebtedness and this indebtedness with interest will total \$3,932,260.

This bill also removes the requirement for local referendum.

**LD** RESOLVE, REQUIRING A LEGISLATIVE STUDY OF INDEF. PP  
**1692** COUNTY BUDGET PROCEDURES

Sponsor: CASHMAN, Nadeau, G. G., Ingraham  
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 618

SUMMARY: The original resolve requires that the Committee on State and Local Government study the county budget procedures and make a recommendation for a uniform process. As this was emergency legislation, the study can begin when passed and must be reported by January 1, 1988.

This new draft would eliminate a uniform budget process for all counties as an objective of the study of county budget procedures. The new draft changes the reporting date for the study to Nov. 1, 1987 and adds a fiscal note for \$9200 to fund the study.

**LD** AN ACT TO GIVE THE AROOSTOOK COUNTY BUDGET PL 1987  
**1721** COMMITTEE FINAL APPROVAL AUTHORITY OVER THE c. 455  
COUNTY BUDGET

Sponsor: MCHENRY, Smith, Ingraham, Collins  
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 88  
Amendments Adopted:  
H-395 CARROLL

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill was to remove the sunset provision in the Aroostook County Budget Committee legislation.