

HOUSE No. 5615

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Feb. 15, 1979.

The committee on Counties, to whom were referred the petitions (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1515) of Thomas R. Lussier and others that the county commissioners of Berkshire County be authorized to borrow a certain sum of money for the purpose of acquiring land for the construction of a new jail and house of correction for said county, and the petition of Thomas R. Lussier and others that the county commissioners of Berkshire County be authorized to have preliminary and final plans and specifications made for the construction of a new jail and house of correction for said county and to borrow money therefor, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 5615) ought to pass.

For the committee,

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Nine.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BERKSHIRE COUNTY TO HAVE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, SITE SELECTION AND TO HAVE LAND OPTIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING A NEW JAIL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION FOR SAID COUNTY AND TO BORROW MONEY THEREFOR.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The county commissioners of Berkshire County
2 are hereby authorized to exercise land options and to have plans
3 and specifications drawn for the purpose of providing a new jail
4 and house of correction. Said plans and specifications shall be
5 drawn so that the total cost of said new jail and house of correction
6 including land acquisition shall be no more than eight million
7 dollars.

1 SECTION 2. For the purposes set forth in section one, the
2 treasurer of said county with the approval of the county commis-
3 sioners, may borrow upon the credit of the county such sums as
4 may be necessary, not exceeding, in the aggregate, two hundred
5 and fifty thousand dollars, and may issue bonds or notes of the
6 county therefor which shall bear on their face the words, Berkshire
7 County Jail and House of Correction Building Loan, Act of 1979.
8 Each authorized issue shall constitute a separate loan and such
9 loans shall be payable in not more than ten years from their dates.
10 The bonds or notes shall be signed by the county treasurer and
11 countersigned by a majority of the county commissioners. The
12 county may sell said securities at public or private sale upon such
13 terms and conditions as the county commissioners may deem
14 proper, but not for less than their par value. Indebtedness incurred
15 hereunder shall, except as herein provided, be subject to chapter
16 thirty-five of the General Laws.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.