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House of Representatives, January 17, 2019

An Act To Extend Internet Availability in Rural Maine

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology suggested and ordered printed.

R(+ B. Hunt

ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

Presented by Representative ALLEY of Beals. Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft, PERRY of Calais, SYLVESTER of Portland, TIPPING of Orono, TUELL of East Machias, VEROW of Brewer, Senator: MIRAMANT of Knox.

- 1 **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not 2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
- 3 **Whereas,** this legislation provides funding for a program that provides mobile 4 wireless hot spot devices to libraries in Washington County; and
- 5 **Whereas,** this legislation needs to take effect before the expiration of the 90-day 6 period in order for this funding to be provided as soon as possible at the beginning of the 7 biennium; and
- 8 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within 9 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as 10 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, 11 therefore,
- 12 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
- Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.
- 15 LIBRARY, MAINE STATE

16 Maine State Library 0217

- 17 Initiative: Provides one-time funding for 2 years for a program that provides mobile 18 wireless hot spot devices to libraries in Washington County.

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

- 26 SUMMARY
- This bill provides one-time funding for 2 years for a program that provides mobile wireless hot spot devices to libraries in Washington County.