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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 314, L.D. 434, “An Act To Clarify the Bonding Authority of Counties for Capital Maintenance Projects”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §939** is enacted to read:

**§939. Bonding for capital maintenance projects**

Notwithstanding any county charter provision or provision of law to the contrary, a county board of commissioners may issue tax-supported bonds, notes or other securities and financial instruments of the county for capital maintenance projects in any year in an amount up to 1/10 of one mill based upon the county's property valuation if 2/3 of the elected members of the board of commissioners and 2/3 of all members of the county budget committee or county finance committee vote in favor of the issuance.

A county board of commissioners may not issue tax-supported bonds, notes or other securities and financial instruments under this section until any tax-supported bonds, notes or other securities and financial instruments previously issued under this section have been paid in full unless the issuance of the additional tax-supported bonds, notes or other securities and financial instruments is approved through a county bond referendum election.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, replaces the bill. It requires a 2/3 vote of the elected members of the county board of commissioners and a 2/3 vote of the members of the county budget or finance committee be obtained before a county board of commissioners is permitted to issue tax-supported bonds, notes or other securities and financial instruments of the county for capital maintenance projects. The amendment

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1 prohibits a county from issuing additional financial instruments before the instruments  
2 issued under this provision are paid in full or issuance of additional financing has been  
3 approved through a county bond referendum election.