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House of Representatives, February 7, 2017

An Act To Extend Internet Availability in Rural Maine

(EMERGENCY)

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative ALLEY of Beals.

Cosponsored by Senator MAKER of Washington and Representatives: HANDY of Lewiston, PERRY of Calais, RYKERSON of Kittery, TUELL of East Machias, Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, LANGLEY of Hancock.

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,** the Maine State Library received a 2-year grant in 2015 to provide mobile
4 wireless hot spot devices to libraries in Washington County; and

5 **Whereas,** funding for the 2-year project ends in January 2017; and

6 **Whereas,** it is necessary that this Act become effective immediately to offset the
7 loss of funding so that mobile wireless hot spot devices can continue to be provided to
8 libraries in Washington County; and

9 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within
10 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as
11 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
12 therefore,

13 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

14 **Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
15 allocations are made.

16 **LIBRARY, MAINE STATE**

17 **Maine State Library 0217**

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

21	GENERAL FUND	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
22	All Other	\$50,000	\$0	\$0
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24	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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

27 **SUMMARY**

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