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H. P. 1146

House of Representatives, January 6, 1964

The Committee on Municipal Affairs suggested.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Binnette of Old Town.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-FOUR

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**AN ACT To Increase the Indebtedness of Old Town High School District.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, the facilities to accommodate pupils attending the secondary and elementary schools in the City of Old Town are inadequate, resulting in the overcrowding of the capacity of the present school buildings in the City of Old Town, which condition is dangerous to the health and lives of the children of said schools; and

Whereas, new building construction is vitally necessary; and

Whereas, the present borrowing capacity of said Old Town High School District will not allow it to borrow sufficient funds for the necessary construction and equipment; and

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

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

**P. & S. L., 1951, c. 87, § 5, amended.** The first sentence of section 5 of chapter 87 of the private and special laws of 1951, as amended by chapter 36 of the private and special laws of 1953 is further amended to read as follows:

'To procure funds for the purposes of this act, the said district, by its trustees, is hereby authorized to issue its bonds to an amount not exceeding the sum of \$700,000 \$950,000.'

**Emergency clause; effective date; referendum.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved, only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the territory within the limits of the before-defined district at any regular election or at any special election called and held for that purpose, or at any election called for the purpose of voting upon any state referendum. Such election shall be called, advertised and conducted before December 31, 1964 according to the law relating to municipal elections; provided, however, that the board of registration in said City of Old Town shall not be required to prepare for posting, nor the city clerk to post, a new list of voters, and for the purpose of registration of voters, said board shall be in session the 3 secular days next preceding such election, the first 2 days thereof to be devoted to registration of voters, and the last day to enable the board to verify the corrections of said lists and to complete and close up their records of said sessions. The city clerk shall reduce the subject matter of this act to the following question: "Shall the Act Amending the Charter of the Old Town High School District be accepted?" and the voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed against the words, "Yes" or "No," their opinion of the same. If a majority of the votes cast by the legal voters of said territory are in favor of the acceptance of this act, this act shall take full effect; provided that the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this act at said election equals or exceeds 20% of the total vote for all candidates for Governor in said city at the next previous gubernatorial election; but failure of approval of this amendment to the charter by the necessary percentage of voters at such election or otherwise shall not prevent a second election being held at any annual election of the City of Old Town held on or before December 31, 1964. The result in said district shall be declared by the municipal officers of the City of Old Town and due certificate filed by the city clerk with the Secretary of State.