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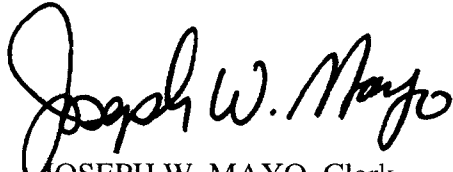
House of Representatives, December 29, 1999

**An Act to Increase the Bonding Limit of the Trustees of the City of
Brewer High School District from \$2,500,000 to \$5,000,000.**

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 27, 1999. Referred to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative FISHER of Brewer.
Cosponsored by Senator RUHLIN of Penobscot and
Representatives: KANE of Saco, LINDAHL of Northport, Senators: PARADIS of Aroostook,
TREAT of Kennebec.

2 **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** Acts of the Legislature do not
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
as emergencies; and

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6 **Whereas,** the increase in the debt limit of the City of
Brewer High School District provided in this Act is necessary to
fund improvements to the high school library; and

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10 **Whereas,** these improvements need to be made as soon as
possible in order for the high school to retain its accreditation
from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges; and

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14 **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
16 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
safety; now, therefore,

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

22 **Sec. 1. P&SL 1925, c. 4, §5, first sentence,** as amended by P&SL
1973, c. 47, is further amended to read:

24 To procure funds for the purposes of this Act and such other
expenses as may be necessary to the carrying out of said
26 purposes, the said district, by its trustees, is hereby
authorized to issue notes and bonds, but shall not incur a total
28 indebtedness exceeding the sum of ~~\$2,500,000~~ \$5,000,000 at any
one time outstanding.

30 **Sec. 2. Emergency clause; effective date; referendum.** In view of
32 the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when
approved, only for the purpose of permitting its submission to
34 the legal voters of the City of Brewer no later than December 31,
2000. The election must be called, advertised and conducted
36 according to the law relating to municipal elections, except that
the board of registration in the City of Brewer is not required
38 to prepare for posting, nor is the city clerk required to post, a
new list of voters. For the purpose of registration of voters,
40 the board of registration must be in session the 3 secular days
next preceding the election, the first 2 days to be devoted to
42 the registration of voters and the last day to enable the board
to verify the corrections of the lists of voters and to complete
44 and close up their records of these sessions.

46 The city clerk shall prepare the required ballots and shall
reduce the subject matter of this Act to the following question:
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2 "Do you favor increasing the debt limit of the City of
Brewer High School District from \$2,500,000 to \$5,000,000?"

4 The voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed
against the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same.

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8 This Act takes effect for all purposes immediately upon its
approval by a majority vote of the legal voters voting at the
10 election, provided the total number of votes cast for and against
the approval of this Act at the election equals or exceeds 20% of
12 the total vote for all candidates for Governor in the city at the
next preceding gubernatorial election. Failure of approval of
14 this Act by the necessary percentage of voters at such election
or otherwise does not prevent a 2nd election being held at any
16 other election of the City of Brewer held on or before December
31, 2000.

18 The election results must be declared by the municipal
officers of the City of Brewer and due certificate of the results
20 filed by the city clerk with the Secretary of State.

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SUMMARY

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26 This bill increases the debt limit of the City of Brewer
High School District from \$2,500,000 to \$5,000,000 subject to
approval at referendum by the voters of the City of Brewer.