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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to the Board of Trustees of the Town of Hodgdon School District.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the building and contents thereof accommodating the high school and elementary grades in the town of Hodgdon, were burned on February 18, 1935, and there are no present accommodations for the pupils of these schools, therefore jeopardizing the welfare of said pupils; and

Whereas, the inhabitants of the town of Hodgdon are in immediate need of a suitable building for the purpose of maintaining a high school and elementary grades in said town for the purpose of protecting the health and safety of said pupils; and

Whereas, the town of Hodgdon School District was incorporated by chapter 24 of the private and special laws of 1935; and

Whereas, by the provisions of said chapter, 2 methods for filling vacancies on the board of trustees for said school district were provided for; and

Whereas, Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works has allocated a sum of money to said town of Hodgdon School District on condition that said school district raise, by an issue of bonds, a certain sum of money; and

Whereas, the underwriters of the proposed bond issue will not accept bonds of the town of Hodgdon School District until certain changes have been made in chapter 24 of the private and special laws of 1935; and

Whereas, said bonds must be issued immediately in order to take advantage of the offer of financial assistance by the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of section 16 of Article XXXI 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:

Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1935, c. 24, § 1, amended. Section 1 of chapter 24 of the private and special laws of 1935 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 1. Town of Hodgdon School District, incorporated. Subject to the provisions of section 7 hereof, the inhabitants of **and the territory within** the town of Hodgdon shall constitute a body politic and corporate under the name of the "Town of Hodgdon School District" for the purpose of erecting, equipping and maintaining on the Mills school lot a school building; and for the purpose of maintaining a secondary and elementary school, with the right to lease or let said property to said town; all for the benefit of the inhabitants of said town.'

Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1935, c. 24, § 3, amended. The 1st paragraph of section 3 of chapter 24 of the private and special laws of 1935 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'All the affairs of said district as are herein provided shall be managed by a board of trustees composed of 3 members who shall hold office for the period of 3 years from the date of their appointment except as hereinafter provided for. Three trustees shall be chosen by the municipal officers of the town of Hodgdon as soon as may be after the passage of this act as hereinafter provided. Removal from the town of Hodgdon by any trustee shall ipso facto vacate his office. Vacancies upon the board of trustees occurring because of ~~expiration of the official term of 3 years~~, removal from town, resignation, death or any cause, **except the expiration of the official term of office**, shall be filled by the municipal officers of the town of Hodgdon in the same manner in which the original board was chosen.'

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.