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STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FORTY-SIX.

AN ACT to authorise school districts to borrow money for certain purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

SECTION 1. Any school district, at a legal meeting
2 called for that purpose, shall have power to borrow
3 money for the purpose of erecting a school house
4 and of purchasing land on which the same may stand.
SEC. 2. Every such loan shall be made for a term
2 of time not exceeding five years and shall be payable
3 in equal annual instalments.

SEC. 3. When any school district shall vote to bor-2 row money for such purpose, the clerk shall forthwith 3 certify such vote to the assessors and treasurer of 4 the town in which such district is located, if wholly

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5 within the limits of any one town, otherwise to the 6 assessors and treasurer of the oldest town out of 7 which any part of such district is taken.

SEC. 4. The district may appoint an agent or 2 agents to contract a loan as aforesaid, who are au-3 thorized to bind the district therefor, and to give the 4 necessary evidence of debt therefor, and a copy of 5 such evidence of debt shall be, by such agent or agents, 6 filed with the town clerk of the town aforesaid and 7 shall be entered on the town records. The money 8 procured on such loan shall be received by the treas-9 urer of the town before mentioned, and shall be ap-10 plied and paid out for the purposes aforesaid, in the 11 same manner as is now or may hereafter be provided 12 in case of money raised for building school houses, 13 by taxation.

SEC. 5. At each annual assessment of town taxes, 2 after the receipt of such money by the treasurer of 3 the town as aforesaid, the assessors of that town shall 4 assess the amount of the instalment and interest pay-5 able in that year, upon the polls and estates of such 6 district, in the same manner as is now provided for 7 the assessment of moneys voted to be raised by any 8 school district, by taxation. And such annual instal-9 ments assessed as aforesaid, shall in like manner be 10 collected and paid to the treasurer of the town afore-11 said. And the treasurer shall pay the amount of each12 instalment and interest, as the same becomes payable,13 on demand of the person to whom the same may be14 lawfully due.

SEC. 6. The assessors, collector and treasurer em-2 ployed as aforesaid, shall be under the same liabilities 3 and shall have the same authority and compensation 4 in respect to the services so performed by them for 5 any school district, as is now or may be provided by 6 law, in case of raising money by a school district, by 7 taxation.

SEC. 7. When any school district shall have ob-2 tained money on loan as herein provided, the limit of 3 such district shall not be altered in any manner, until 4 after the last assessment shall have been made for the 5 payment of such loan.

SEC. 8. After the passage of this act, no school 2 district shall be authorized to borrow money, except 3 for the purposes and under the regulations prescribed 4 by this act.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, July 11, 1846. Ordered, That 350 copies of the foregoing bill, reported by Mr. Barnes of Portland, from the Committee on Education, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

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