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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE

AN ACT Increasing Indebtedness of Hampden School District.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the school buildings which house the common schools of the Town of Hampden have not been completed; and

Whereas, existing classrooms for students are overcrowded; and

Whereas, it is imperative that action be taken immediately to relieve such conditions; 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., 1945, c. 138, § 4, amended. The first sentence of section 4 of chapter 138 of the private and special laws of 1945, as amended by section 1 of chapter 117 of the private and special laws of 1953, is further amended to read as follows:

'To procure funds for the purpose of this act, and for such other expenses as may be necessary to carry out said purposes, the said district is hereby authorized from time to time to borrow money and to issue its bonds and notes therefor, but shall not incur a total indebtedness exceeding the sum of \$350,000 \$750,000 at any one time outstanding.'

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 Town of Hampden present and voting at the next annual town meeting or at a special town meeting called and held for the purpose not later than 4 months after the approval of this act. In the event a special town meeting is called for the purpose, it shall be called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections; provided that the board of registration shall not be required to prepare for posting, nor the town clerk to post, a new list of voters, and for the purpose of registration of voters, said board shall be in session one hour next preceding such special meeting.

The town clerk shall prepare the required ballots, on which he shall reduce the subject matter of this act to the following question: "Shall the Act Increasing Indebtedness of Hampden School District from \$350,000 to \$750,000, passed by the 100th Legislature, 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.

This act shall take effect for all the purposes hereof immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters voting at said meeting; provided that the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this act at said meeting equaled or exceeded 20% of the total vote for all candidates for Governor in said town at the next preceding gubernatorial election.

The result of said vote shall be declared by the municipal officers of the Town of Hampden and due certificate thereof filed by the town clerk with the Secretary of State.

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