

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SECOND SPECIAL SESSION  
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ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1681**

S. P. 716

In Senate, September 28, 1964

Committee on Education suggested. Sent down for concurrence.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Hichborn of Piscataquis.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-FOUR

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**AN ACT to Authorize School Administrative District No. 31 to Issue Bonds or Notes for Capital Outlay Purposes in an Amount Not to Exceed \$300,000.**

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

Whereas, as originally operative July 1, 1963, School Administrative District No. 31 was composed of the inhabitants and territory within the Towns of Howland, Lowell, Maxfield, Passadumkeag and Seboeis Plantation; and

Whereas, by amended Certificate of Organization effective July 7, 1964, School Administrative District No. 31 was expanded to include the inhabitants and territory within the Towns of Burlington and Enfield; and

Whereas, the district has no high school gymnasium or cafeteria and its existing high school shop facilities are inadequate, and it is imperative that construction of gymnasium, cafeteria and shop facilities be commenced immediately to relieve such conditions; and

Whereas, funds for capital outlay purposes are required by School Administrative District No. 31 in order to construct such gymnasium, cafeteria and shop facilities; and

Whereas, at meetings held in March, 1964, the voters of the 5 original member municipalities of the district voted to authorize the school directors of School Administrative District No. 31 to issue bonds or notes for capital outlay purposes in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 for the construction of a gymnasium, cafeteria and shop facilities to be located at Howland at the same lot as the district high school; and

Whereas, although it was the intention and understanding of the town and school representatives of the Towns of Burlington and Enfield, the representatives of School Administrative District No. 31 and the representatives of the Maine School District Commission that the Towns of Burlington and Enfield, as a condition of their admission into School Administrative District No. 31, would assume a proportionate share of any district debt created by the issuance of bonds or notes pursuant to the forementioned March, 1964 votes of the 5 original member municipalities, it is unclear whether the agreement under which the Towns of Burlington and Enfield were admitted into School Administrative District No. 31 would subject said towns to a proportionate share of said debt, thus raising doubt as to the power of School Administrative District No. 31, as presently constituted, to issue said bonds or notes, with consequent delay in eliminating the inadequate conditions described above, and thus raising doubt as to the validity of contracts entered into by the district in reliance on the March, 1964 votes of the 5 original member municipalities; 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:

**Authorization.** School Administrative District No. 31, composed of the inhabitants and territory within the Towns of Burlington, Enfield, Howland, Lowell, Maxfield, Passadumkeag and Seboeis Plantation, is authorized to issue and sell not exceeding the principal amount of \$300,000 of its bonds or notes for capital outlay purposes to construct gymnasium, cafeteria and shop facilities to be located at Howland on the same lot as the district high school under and pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Revised Statutes, chapter 41, section 111-K, as amended, without the necessity of further proceedings in the member towns and plantation. The principal and interest on said bonds or notes shall be assessed in each of the member municipalities in accordance with the Revised Statutes, chapter 41, section 111-L, as amended.

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