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H. P. 1171 House of Representatives, September 28, 1964
The Committee on Education suggested.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Thornton of Belfast.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-FOUR

AN ACT to Validate Proceedings Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds by School Administrative District No. 34.

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

Whereas, the management and control of the public schools located in the Towns of Searsmont, Swanville and the City of Belfast have been assumed by School Administrative District No. 34 which embraces the territory in said municipalities; and

Whereas, the school building which houses an elementary school in the Town of Searsmont is inadequate and unsafe and the school building which houses a high school in the City of Belfast is inadequate and it is imperative that construction of a new elementary school in the Town of Searsmont and a new high school in the City of Belfast be commenced immediately to relieve such conditions; and

Whereas, funds for capital outlay purposes are required by said School Administrative District in order to construct additional elementary and secondary school classrooms; and

Whereas, at a district meeting held on June 15, 1964, the inhabitants of School Administrative District No. 34 voted overwhelmingly in the affirmative to authorize the school directors of School Administrative District No. 34 to issue bonds or notes for capital outlay purposes for the construction of an elementary school in the Town of Searsmont and a high school in the City of Belfast; and

Whereas, doubt exists whether the form of article contained in the warrant calling said district meeting and in the warrants of the respective member municipalities issued pursuant thereto complied in all respects with the applicable requirements of law, and doubt exists whether the publication of a specimen ballot in the City of Belfast complied in all respects with the applicable requirements of law, thus raising doubts as to the legality of the proceedings to authorize the issuance of bonds or notes with consequent delay in eliminating the inadequate and unsafe conditions in such public schools; 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. 34, composed of the residents of and the territory within the Towns of Searsmont and Swanville and the City of Belfast is authorized to issue and sell not exceeding the principal amount of \$1,100,000 of its bonds or notes for capital outlay purposes 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 the member city. The proceedings taken in the district meeting held in each member town and the member city of June 15, 1964, wherein it was voted to authorize the school directors of School Administrative District No. 34 to issue bonds and notes in the name of said district for capital outlay purposes in an amount not to exceed \$1,100,000 are hereby confirmed, validated and made effective.

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