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Presented by Mr. Allen of Caribou.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Increasing Indebtedness of Caribou Hospital District.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the present hospital of the Town of Caribou is overcrowded and inadequate for present day needs, and many patients are not able to receive medical attention when needed, due to the present facilities being overcrowded and inadequate to supply the medical needs of the district; and

Whereas, it is imperative that action be taken at the earliest possible moment to relieve these conditions; and

Whereas, to remedy these conditions, construction must be commenced immediately; 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., 1953, c. 12, § 4, amended. Section 4 of chapter 12 of the Private and Special Laws of 1953, as amended by chapter 35 of the Private and Special Laws of 1955, is further amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4. How financed. To procure funds for the purposes of this Act and for such other expenses as may be necessary to carry out said purposes, the said district, by its trustees, 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 ~~\$315,000~~ **\$1,500,000** outstanding at any one

time. Each bond and note shall have inscribed upon its face the words "Caribou Hospital District," shall bear interest at such rates as the trustees shall determine, payable semiannually, and shall be subject to such other provisions as the trustees shall determine. Said bonds and notes may be issued to mature serially or made to run for such periods as said trustees may determine, but none of which shall run for a longer period than 30 years from the date of the original issue thereof. All bonds shall be made callable. All bonds and notes issued by said district shall be signed by the treasurer and countersigned by the president of said district, and if coupon bonds be issued, each coupon shall be attested by the facsimile signatures of the president and treasurer printed thereon. Said bonds and notes shall be legal obligations of said district, which is hereby declared to be a quasi-municipal corporation within the meaning of ~~section 132 of chapter 49 of the Revised Statutes~~ **the Maine Revised Statutes 1964, Title 30, section 5053**, and all the provisions of said section shall be applicable thereto. The said bonds and notes shall be legal investments for savings banks. The said district is hereby authorized and empowered to enter into such an agreement with the Federal Government, or any agency thereof, or any corporation or board authorized by the Federal Government to loan money or otherwise assist in the financing of such projects as this hospital district is authorized to carry out, as may be necessary or desirable to accomplish the purposes of this Act.

Emergency clause; effective date; referendum. In view of the emergency recited in the preamble hereof, this Act shall take effect when approved, only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the territory embraced within the limits of said district present and voting at a special meeting called and held for that purpose or at an annual town meeting of the Town of Caribou, not later than 4 months after the approval of this Act. In the event a special meeting is called for the purpose, it shall be called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections; provided, however, that the board of registration in said Town of Caribou 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 the 3 secular days next preceding such special meeting, the first and 2nd days thereof to be devoted to registration of voters, and the 3rd day to enable the board to verify the corrections of such list and to complete and close up their records of said sessions. 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 amendment to the Caribou Hospital District Act, passed by the 103rd 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 vote 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 equals or exceeds 20% of the total vote for all candidates for Governor in said town at the next preceding gubernatorial election. The result in said district shall be declared by the municipal officers of the Town of Caribou, and due certificate filed by the town clerk with the Secretary of State.