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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 60

H. P. 58

House of Representatives, January 8, 1969

Referred to Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Dam of Skowhegan.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-NINE

**AN ACT to Validate Certain Proceedings Authorizing the Issuance of
Bonds and Notes by School Administrative District No. 54**

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 Canaan, Cornville, Mercer, Norridgewock, Skowhegan and Smithfield have been assumed by School Administrative District No. 54 which embraces the territory in said municipalities; and

Whereas, the secondary school facilities of the district are inadequate and overcrowded and it is imperative that construction of a new secondary school, with facilities for a regional technical and vocational center, in the Town of Skowhegan, continue without further delay; and

Whereas, funds for capital outlay purposes are or will shortly be required by said School Administrative District in order to complete such additional school facilities; and

Whereas, at a district meeting held on December 10, 1966, the voters of School Administrative District No. 54 voted to authorize the school directors of said district to issue bonds or notes for capital outlay purposes for the construction of such school facilities, which construction is now in progress; and

Whereas, at a district meeting held on June 17, 1968, the said voters authorized said school directors to issue additional bonds or notes to complete the construction and equipping of such school facilities; and

Whereas, doubt exists whether certain of the warrants issued in connection with said district meeting held on June 17, 1968 complied with the applicable requirements of law, particularly in respect of the failure to notify the voters as to the hours of closing the polls and as to the office hours of the registrars of voters as provided in the Revised Statutes, Title 21, thus raising doubts as to the legality of certain of the proceedings to authorize the issuance of bonds and the signing of contracts and other action taken in connection with said construction; 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. 54, composed of the residents of and the territory within the Towns of Canaan, Cornville, Mercer, Norridgewock, Skowhegan and Smithfield, is authorized to incur indebtedness not exceeding the principal amount of \$4,091,490 for capital outlay purposes under and pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Revised Statutes, Title, 20, section 304, as amended, without the necessity of further proceedings in the member towns, said indebtedness consisting of not exceeding \$1,876,510 bonds or notes of said district and not exceeding \$1,821,490 notes in anticipation of state aid for school construction as authorized at the district meeting held in the member towns of Canaan, Cornville, Mercer, Norridgewock and Skowhegan on December 10, 1966 and not exceeding \$393,490 bonds or notes of said district as authorized at the district meeting held in said towns and in the Town of Smithfield on June 17, 1968. The proceedings taken in the aforesaid district meeting held on June 17, 1968 and all action heretofore taken pursuant thereto by the school directors, officers and agents of said district 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.