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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1434**

H. P. 1221

House of Representatives, March 24, 1971

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Kelley of Southport.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Increasing the Debt Limit of the Town of Wiscasset School District.**

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

Whereas, the conditions in the schools, both elementary and secondary, and overcrowded and therefore neither safe nor adequate for the housing and instruction of students ; and

Whereas, neither the present borrowing capacity of the Town of Wiscasset nor of the Town of Wiscasset School District will allow for the borrowing of sufficient funds for necessary construction and equipping of additional school facilities ; and

Whereas, it is imperative that action be taken at the earliest possible moment to relieve the 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., 1959, c. 136, § 4, amended.** The first paragraph of section 4 of chapter 136 of the private and special laws of 1959, as last amended by section 2 of chapter 13 of the private and special laws of 1967, is further amended to read as follows :

To procure funds to carry out the purposes of this Act and to cover necessary expenses, the district may from time to time borrow money and issue bonds and notes, but may not incur a total indebtedness outstanding at any one time exceeding ~~\$1,100,000~~ \$2,500,000.

**Emergency clause; referendum; effective date.** 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 voters of the Town of Wiscasset at any regular or special town meeting called for the purpose not later than 4 months after approval of this Act. Any special meeting shall be called, notified and conducted according to law, but the registrar of voters in the Town of Wiscasset need not prepare for posting, nor post, a new list of voters. For the purpose of registration of voters, the registrar of voters shall be in session one hour next preceding the 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 the debt limit of the Town of Wiscasset School District, passed by the 105th Legislature, be accepted?" 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 immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of the voters voting at said meeting, but only if the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this Act is at least 10% of the total vote for all candidates for Governor in the Town of Wiscasset at the next previous gubernatorial election.

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

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is reflected in the emergency preamble.