

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**No. 2055**

H. P. 1662

House of Representatives, January 2, 1974

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

Presented by Mr. LeBlanc of Van Buren.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FOUR

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**AN ACT Relating to the Borrowing Capacity of School Administrative  
District No. 24.**

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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, School Administrative District No. 24 is now:

1. Operating 3 small elementary schools with classes being held in the basement without proper safety and that these schools also lack proper health, physical education, special area and cafeteria facilities;
2. Operating rented elementary school and other rented facilities for physical education and administration;
3. Operating a high school which is overcrowded by 200 students and that this high school is also operating an industrial arts and vocational program in a separate facility built by students and these facilities are considered unsafe;
4. Housing its trainable mentally retarded children in a wooden parish rectory which does not meet school facility standards; and

Whereas, there is a critical need for new school construction to consolidate these schools; and place these children in safe and upgraded facilities; and

Whereas, the borrowing capacity of the district is insufficient to meet the needs for such 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:

**School Administrative District No. 24 authorized to borrow money.** The school directors of School Administrative District No. 24 are authorized to borrow a sum of money not in excess of \$7,000,000 upon approval of the voters of the district voting on an appropriate article as set out in the Revised Statutes, Title 20, section 225. This authority is granted notwithstanding any other provision of the Revised Statutes, Title 20 to the contrary.

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

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

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