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E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Gahagan of Caribou.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FOUR

AN ACT Increasing Indebtedness of Caribou Hospital District.

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

Whereas, the present hospital of the City 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. The first sentence of section 4 of chapter 12 of the private and special laws of 1953, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

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 ~~\$1,500,000~~ \$8,000,000 outstanding at any one time.

Emergency clause; effective date; referendum. 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 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 city meeting of the City of Caribou, not later than 6 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 City of Caribou shall not be required to prepare for posting nor the city 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 city 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 first special session of the 106th 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 city at the next preceding gubernatorial election. The result in said district shall be declared by the municipal officers of the City of Caribou, and due certificate filed by the city clerk with the Secretary of State.

STATEMENT OF FACT

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