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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 595

H. P. 475

House of Representatives, February 11, 1975

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Silverman of Calais.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Increasing Indebtedness of Calais School District.

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

Whereas, accommodations for both elementary and secondary pupils in the City of Calais are not adequate and schools are on a double session schedule; and

Whereas, the limit of total indebtedness of the existing school district makes it impossible to borrow the funds required to meet essential capital needs; and

Whereas, immediate construction of a 4-year high school building is needed to alleviate overcrowded 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 & SL 1937, c. 27, § 4-C, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 65, is amended to read:

Sec. 4-C. Additional indebtedness. To procure additional funds to carry out its purpose, the said district is authorized to increase its total indebtedness to an amount not to exceed ~~\$1,000,000~~ \$3,550,000 more than authorized by the original charter and amendments thereto.

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 City of Calais at the city election to be held on the first Monday in April 1975, or at a special city election called for the purpose not later than 8 months after the approval of this Act. Any special city election shall be called, notified and conducted according to law.

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 Act to increase the borrowing capacity of City of Calais School District, passed by the 107th Legislature, be accepted so that the city may proceed with the planning and construction of a new high school facility, the trustees of the Calais School District being hereby authorized to proceed with said planning and construction and further authorized to raise the necessary funds by issuance of general obligation bonds?" 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 legal voters voting at said election, but only if the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this Act is at least 20% of the total vote for all candidates for Governor in the City of Calais at the next previous gubernatorial election.

The result of this vote shall be declared by the municipal officers of the City of Calais 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.