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S.P. 744

In Senate, January 15, 2002

An Act to Increase the Debt Limit of the Calais School District.

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pamela L. Cahill".

PAMELA L. CAHILL
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SHOREY of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative MORRISON of Baileyville.

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

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6 **Whereas,** school overcrowding and outdated buildings are
detrimental to the schools and students in Maine; and

8 **Whereas,** students in Calais schools are being housed in
temporary classrooms or "pods" for needed class space; and

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12 **Whereas,** the leases on these temporary buildings expire soon
and means for funding adequate class space for Calais schools are
ongoing; and

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16 **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
18 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
safety; now, therefore,

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22 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

24 **Sec. 1. P&SL 2001, c. 30, §4** is amended to read:

26 **Sec. 4. How financed.** To procure funds for the purposes of
this Act, the district is authorized to issue bonds and notes but
may not incur a total indebtedness exceeding the sum of
28 \$6,000,000 10% of city valuation. Each bond must have inscribed
upon its face the words: "Calais School District" and must bear
30 interest at a rate the trustees determine and be payable
semiannually. The bonds may be issued to mature serially or made
32 to run for such periods as the trustees determine but none may
run for a period longer than 30 years. A note or bond issued by
34 the district must be signed by the treasurer and countersigned by
the president, and, if coupon bonds are issued, each coupon must
36 be attested by a facsimile signature of the president and
treasurer. The treasurer shall give bond to the district in such
38 sum and with such sureties as the trustees determine, and the
bond must remain in the custody of the Clerk of the City of
40 Calais. The expenses of the bond must be paid by the district.
The district is authorized to enter into agreements with the
42 Federal Government, the Maine Municipal Bond Bank or others to
loan money or otherwise assist in the financing of a project that
44 the district is authorized to carry out. The trustees may borrow
in anticipation of their sale by issuing temporary notes and
46 renewal notes in the name of the district.

48 **Emergency clause; referendum; effective date.** In view of the
emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when
50 approved only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the

2 legal voters within the City of Calais at a special or regular
city meeting or election held prior to July 1, 2002. The
4 election must be called, advertised and conducted according to
law. The city clerk shall prepare the required ballots, on which
6 the city clerk shall reduce the subject matter of this Act to the
following question:

8 "Do you favor increasing the debt limit of the Calais School
District from \$6,000,000 to 10% of the city valuation?"
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12 The voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed
against the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion on the question.

14 The results must be declared by the municipal officers of
the City of Calais and due certificate of the results filed by
16 the city clerk with the Secretary of State.

18 This Act takes effect immediately upon its acceptance by a
majority of the legal voters voting at the election.
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22 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill raises the debt limit of the Calais School District
from \$6,000,000 to 10% of city valuation.