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S. P. 551

In Senate, April 10, 1941.

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ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Chamberlain of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-ONE

AN ACT Increasing the Powers of the City of Brewer High School District.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, a fire has recently destroyed one of the largest school buildings in the city of Brewer, and

Whereas, previous to the destruction of this building, the schools of the city of Brewer have been overcrowded and unsanitary conditions have resulted thereby, and

Whereas, to provide adequate facilities for school buildings for the ensuing school year, it is necessary that this act take effect immediately, and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of section 16 of Article XXXI of the constitution of Maine, and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of public peace, health and safety; now, therefore

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

Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1925, c. 4, § 1-A, additional. Chapter 4 of the private and special laws of 1925 is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 1-A, and to read as follows:

'Sec. 1-A. **Additional powers.** The city of Brewer High School District is hereby authorized, if in the judgment of its board of trustees it is deemed necessary, to purchase land and to erect, equip and maintain a grammar school, a junior high school, a high school and vocational school or any or all of such schools within said district for the benefit of the inhabitants of said district.'

Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1925, c. 4, § 5, amended. The first sentence of section 5 of chapter 4 of the private and special laws of 1925 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'To procure funds for the purpose of this act and such other expenses as may be necessary to the carrying out of said purposes, the said district is hereby authorized to issue its notes and bonds, but shall not incur a total indebtedness exceeding the sum of ~~one hundred and fifty thousand dollars~~ **\$450,000.**'

Sec. 3. P. & S. L., 1925, c. 4, § 6, amended. The first sentence of section 6 of chapter 4 of the private and special laws of 1925 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'In case said bonds are made to run for a period of years a sinking fund shall be established by the trustees of said district, for the purpose of redeeming said bonds when they become due, and not less than 2% of the total cost of the site for said high school building, the high school building and its appurtenances, **and such other buildings the erection of which is authorized in section 1-A herein**, and the expenses incidental to the carrying out of the purposes of this act shall be added to said sinking fund each year, which may be deposited in a savings bank within the state or may be invested in any United States government bonds, state bonds or the bonds of any political subdivision thereof as the trustees may determine.'

Sec. 4. P. & S. L., 1925, c. 4, § 8, amended. The first sentence of section 8 of chapter 4 of the private and special laws of 1925 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'At such time as the high school building **and such other buildings the erection of which is authorized in section 1-A herein** shall have completed, equipped, and occupied by pupils of said district and the board of trustees of the district shall have discharged all of its principal obligations and the property of said district shall be free and clear of all indebtedness the board of trustees shall automatically cease to function and all of the duties, management, care and maintenance shall revert to the school board of the city of Brewer or such other board as may, at that time, have

jurisdiction over similar school property, and the then president and treasurer shall cause to be executed, signed and delivered, a good and sufficient deed of all the property in said district, to the city of Brewer.'

Sec. 5. Referendum. This act shall take effect for the purpose of permitting its submission to the voters of the city of Brewer at a special election to be called for that purpose. Such special election 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 Brewer shall not be required to prepare for posting or 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 elections, the first 2 days thereof to be devoted to registration of voters, and the last day to enable the board to verify the corrections of said lists and to complete and close up their records of said sessions. The city clerk shall reduce the subject matter of this act to the following question: "Shall the act increasing the powers of the City of Brewer High School District, be accepted?" and the voters shall indicate by a cross placed over the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same. The result in said district shall be declared by the municipal officers of the city of Brewer and due certificate filed by the city clerk with the secretary of state. This act shall become operative and completely effective on the day the voters of said city vote to accept this act.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect for the purpose set forth in the preceding section upon approval.