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Legislative Document

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S. P. 460

In Senate, February 22, 1949.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Denny of Lincoln.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-NINE

AN ACT to Amend the Westport-Wiscasset Bridge District.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the Westport-Wiscasset Bridge District has been unable to finance the bridge authorized to be constructed by said district pursuant to chapter 103 of the private and special laws of 1947; and

Whereas, the immediate construction of said bridge is necessary for the prosperity of the people of the state of Maine and the towns of Westport and Wiscasset; and

Whereas, it is imperative that action be taken thereon at the earliest possible moment so that the bridge may be constructed by said district during favorable weather conditions; and

Whereas, it is impossible for the district to borrow funds to finance the cost of construction of said bridge unless chapter 103 of the private and special laws of 1947 is amended as herein provided; 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., 1947, c. 103, §§ 6-A and 6-B, additional. Chapter 103 of the private and special laws of 1947 is hereby amended by adding thereto 2 new sections, to be numbered 6-A and 6-B, to read as follows :

‘Sec. 6-A. Capital grants by towns. The towns of Westport and Wiscasset are hereby authorized to make capital grants to the district for the purpose of financing a portion of the cost of construction of the bridge project authorized to be constructed by the district pursuant to section 2 hereof; provided, however, that no such capital grant by either of such towns shall exceed \$10,000. Said capital grants may be made by said towns from any moneys of said towns not otherwise appropriated and lawfully available for such purpose, and the making of such capital grants is hereby determined and declared to be for public municipal purposes of such towns for which public funds may be appropriated and expended.

Sec. 6-B. Guarantee of bond interest by county. The county of Lincoln is hereby authorized to guarantee unconditionally the payment of interest upon any bonds issued by the district pursuant to section 4 or section 12 hereof and to pledge its full faith and credit for the payment of the interest on any of such bonds so issued by the district; provided, however, that such guarantee shall not be extended for a period longer than 50 years from the date of issue of the bonds first issued by the district and guaranteed by the county of Lincoln; provided, further, that the county commissioners for the said county of Lincoln are hereby authorized to assess a tax to the towns of Westport and Wiscasset in said county of Lincoln for any sums the county of Lincoln is obligated to pay pursuant to its guarantee under this section; and all moneys which shall be raised for the purposes named in this act for which the county may lawfully raise money shall be assessed upon the taxable polls and estates embraced within the towns of Westport and Wiscasset by the assessors of Westport and Wiscasset in the same manner as is provided by law for the assessment of town and county taxes. In case the towns of Westport and Wiscasset fail to pay the said county the amounts assessed by said county under the foregoing provisions, the said county is hereby authorized to recover said amounts by action of debt against both or either of said towns. Said county of Lincoln may enter into a contract or contracts with the district providing for the unconditional guarantee of the payment of interest on any such bonds and may evidence such guarantee by proper endorsement on each of such bonds so issued by the district. The unconditional guarantee of the payment of interest on bonds issued by the district by the county of

Lincoln, as hereinbefore provided, is hereby declared and determined to be a public county purpose for which funds of said county may be appropriated and expended.'

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