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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Roberts of Dexter.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-ONE

AN ACT Amending the Charter of the Town of Dexter School District.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the charter of the Town of Dexter School District was granted by the 94th legislature, being chapter 183 of the private and special laws of 1949; and

Whereas, a sufficient majority of the legal voters of the territory embraced within the limits of said district, at a special town meeting legally and seasonably called and held on January 23, 1950, voted to accept said act and duly elected a board of trustees of said district, who, after thorough and diligent study of the problems of inadequate and overcrowded schools in said district have decided upon the erection and equipping of a modern 17-room high school and gymnasium, which without any doubt whatsoever will cost much more than \$350,000 plus a building site; and

Whereas, the present borrowing capacity of said district is only \$275,000, which sum a majority of the legal voters of said district at a special town meeting held on December 29, 1950, duly authorized the said trustees to borrow by sale of its bonds; and

Whereas, because of rapidly mounting prices of materials and services it is highly desirable and economical that bids for the entire high school project be advertised at the earliest possible moment and the approval of a

majority of the legal voters of said district be obtained at the annual meeting in March, 1951, for the borrowing of the necessary additional sum of \$125,000; and

Whereas, in the judgement 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., 1949, c. 183, § 4, amended. The 1st sentence of section 4 of chapter 183 of the private and special laws of 1949 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'To procure funds for the purpose of this act and for such other expenses as may be necessary to carry out said purposes, the said trustees are hereby authorized from time to time to borrow such sums of money as shall be fixed at an annual meeting of the town of Dexter or a special meeting thereof called and held for the purpose, and to issue bonds and notes of the district therefor, but shall not incur a total indebtedness exceeding the sum of ~~\$275,000~~ \$400,000.'

Emergency clause; effective date; referendum. In view of the emergency recited in the preamble hereof, this act shall take effect when approved, only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the town of Dexter at any regular or special meeting called and held for the purpose not later than 4 months after the approval of this act. Such special meeting shall be called, advertised and conducted according to law relating to municipal elections; provided, however, that the board of registration of the town of Dexter shall not be required to prepare for posting nor the town 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 meeting. The town clerk shall prepare the required ballots on which he shall reduce the subject matter of this act to the following question:

"Shall the act Amending the Charter of the Town of Dexter School District be accepted?" and the voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed over the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same. This act shall take effect for all purposes thereof immediately upon its acceptance by a majority 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 town at the next previous gubernatorial election.

The result in said district shall be declared by the municipal officers of the town of Dexter and due certificate thereof shall be filed by the clerk of said town with the secretary of state.