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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
95th LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 1276, L. D. 845, Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Hancock School District."

Amend said bill by inserting before the enacting clause the following:

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the present buildings which house the schools of the Town of Hancock are overcrowded, inadequate and unsafe; and

Whereas, it is imperative that action be taken at the earliest possible moment to relieve these conditions; and

Whereas the overcrowded and antiquated conditions of the schools are detrimental to the public health and safety; and

Whereas new building construction is vitally necessary; and

Whereas the borrowing capacity of said Town will not allow it to borrow sufficient funds for necessary construction and equipment; and

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

Further amend said bill by deleting from Sec. 1, the clause "for the purpose of completing, grading, furnishing, rebuilding, renovating and otherwise bettering the condition of any or all buildings within said town used for school purposes or which may hereafter be used for school purposes;"

Further amend said bill by striking out Section 9, and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 9. 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 town of Hancock at any regular or special town meeting called and held for the purpose not later than 8 months after the approval of this act. Such special election shall be called, advertised and conducted according to law relating to municipal elections; provided, however, that the board of registration in said town of Hancock 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

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shall be in session the 3 secular days next preceding such special meeting, the 1st and 2nd days thereof to be devoted to the registration of voters and the 3rd day to enable the board to verify the corrections of said list and to complete and close up their records of said sessions. 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 to Incorporate the Town of Hancock School District be accepted?" and the voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed over the words "Yes" and "No" their opinion of the same. This act shall take effect for all the purposes hereof 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 district the previous gubernatorial election. The result in said district shall be declared by the municipal officers to the town of Hancock, and due certificate filed by the town clerk with the secretary of state.

Reported by the Committee on Legal Affairs.

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