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Presented by Mr. Stanley of Hampden

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE

AN ACT to Increase the Borrowing Power of the Town of Hermon School District.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts passed by the legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless passed as emergencies; and

Whereas, since the incorporation of the Town of Hermon School District in 1949, another school building in the town of Hermon has been destroyed by fire; and

Whereas, additional funds will be needed to carry out the building program of the Town of Hermon School District; and

Whereas, it is very desirable that these funds be made available as soon as possible; and

Whereas, it is vitally necessary that this act be voted upon at the annual town meeting in March, 1953; 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,

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

P. & S. L., 1949, c. 174, § 4, amended. The 1st sentence of section 4 of chapter 174 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 district, by its trustees, is hereby authorized from time to time to borrow money and to issue its bonds and notes therefor, but shall not incur a total indebtedness exceeding the sum of $\$_{50,000}$ \$100,000.'

Emergency clause; referendum; certificate to secretary of state. 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 Hermon at the annual town meeting in March, 1953, or at a special meeting called and held not later than 4 months after the approval of this act. Such special meeting shall be called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections; provided, however, that the board of registration in said town of Hermon shall not be required to prepare for posting, or 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 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 reguired ballots on which he shall reduce the subject matter of this act to the following question: "Shall an Act to Increase the Borrowing Power of the Town of Hermon School District, passed by the 96th legislature, be accepted?" and the voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed against the words "Yes" or "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 town at the next previous gubernatorial election. The result in said district shall be declared by the municipal officers of the town of Hermon, and due certificate filed by the town clerk with the secretary of state.

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