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CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Wight of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-FOUR

AN ACT Amending the Charter of the City of Brewer High School District.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the present buildings which house the schools of the city of Brewer 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 present borrowing capacity of said city of Brewer high school district will not allow it to borrow sufficient funds for the necessary construction and equipment; 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., 1925, c. 4, § 5, amended. The 1st sentence of section 5 of

chapter 4 of the private and special laws of 1925, as amended by section 2 of chapter 74 of the private and special laws of 1941 and by section 2 of chapter 164 of the private and special laws of 1949, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'To procure funds for the purposes of this act and such other expenses as may be necessary to the carrying out of said purposes, the said district, by its trustees, is hereby authorized to issue notes and bonds, but shall not incur a total indebtedness exceeding the sum of ~~\$625,000~~ \$1,275,000.'

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 territory within the limits of said district at any regular election or at any special election called and held for that purpose, or at any election called for the purpose of voting upon any state referendum. Such election shall be called, advertised and conducted before January 1, 1955 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, nor 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 election, 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 Amending the Charter of the City of Brewer High 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 the purposes hereof immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters voting at said election; provided that the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this act equals or exceeds 20% of the total vote cast for all candidates for governor in said district at the next previous gubernatorial election.

The result of the vote in said district shall be determined by the municipal officers of the city of Brewer and due certificate thereof filed by the city clerk with the secretary of state.