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NINETY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hatfield of Orrington.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE

AN ACT Amending the Charter of the Town of Orrington School District to Increase Its Borrowing Capacity.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the accommodations for the schools in the town of Orrington are inadequate to accommodate the pupils therein; and

Whereas, the limit of total indebtedness of the existing school district makes it impossible to borrow the funds required to meet essential capital needs; 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., 1951, c. 81, § 4, amended. The 1st sentence of section 4 of chapter 81 of the private and special laws of 1951 is hereby amended to read as follows: To procure funds for the purposes of this act and for such other expenses as may be necessary to carry out said purposes, the said trustees are hereby authorized from itme to time to borrow such sums of money as shall be fixed at an annual meeting of the town of Orrington 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 \$75,000 \$125,000."

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 Orrington at any regular or special meeting called and held for the purpose not

later than 8 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 of said town of Orrington 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 special meeting, the 1st and 2nd days there of 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 reduce the subject matter of this act to the following question: "Shall 'An Act Amending the Charter of the Town of Orrington School District to Increase its Borrowing Capacity,' passed by the 97th Legislature, be accepted?" and the voters shall indicate by across 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 meeting; provided that the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this act equals or exceeds 20% of the total vote for all candidates for governor cast 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 Orrington and due certificate thereof filed by the clerk of said town with the secretary of state.