

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# NINETY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

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H. P. 366

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Howard of Dixfield.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-FIVE

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### **AN ACT to Amend the Charter of the Town of Mexico School District.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, the physical plant available for the housing of the public school pupils of the town of Mexico is highly inadequate; and

Whereas, the school buildings now available are overcrowded and such condition is dangerous to the health and lives of the students of said schools; and

Whereas, it is imperative that action be taken at the earliest possible time to eliminate such condition; 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,

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

**Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1933, c. 119, § 1-A, additional.** Chapter 119 of the private and special laws of 1933 is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section, to be numbered 1-A, to read as follows:

**‘Sec. 1-A. Additional powers.** Said district shall have the power and authority to provide additional school facilities within said district to be used either for elementary or secondary school purposes, including the power and authority to acquire one or more parcels of land therefor by purchase, grant or gift, and to grade and landscape the same, to erect thereon a suitable school building or buildings and to equip and maintain the same for school purposes for the benefit of the inhabitants of said district, provided that the legal voters in said district shall first authorize any such project or projects at a meeting called for such

purpose, by a majority of those voting, which said authorization shall place a limit or limits on the amount to be spent for such project or projects.'

Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1933, c. 119, § 4-A, additional. Chapter 119 of the private and special laws of 1933 is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 4-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 4-A. Authority to issue additional bonds, etc. To procure funds for the purposes stated in section 1-A hereof, and such other expense as may be necessary for the carrying out of said purposes, the district is hereby authorized to issue its notes and bonds from time to time in a further sum of \$325,000, the same to be issued in accordance with the stipulations and conditions set out in section 4 of this charter, and only after authorization by the legal voters in said district as provided in section 1-A hereof.'

Sec. 3. P. & S. L., 1933, c. 119, § 6, amended. The 1st sentence of section 6 of chapter 119 of the private and special laws of 1933 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'At such time as the school ~~building~~ **buildings, construction and improvements authorized** shall have been completed, equipped and occupied by pupils of said district and the board of trustees of said district shall have discharged all of its principal obligations and the property of said district shall be free and clear of all indebtedness, the board of trustees shall automatically cease to function and all of the duties, management, care and maintenance in respect to such school ~~building~~ **buildings** shall revert to the school board of the town of Mexico or such other board as may, at that time, have jurisdiction over similar school property, and the then president and treasurer shall cause to be executed, signed and delivered, a good and sufficient deed of all the property in said school district, to the town of Mexico, all money, if any remaining in the treasury of the board of trustees at the time it ceases to function, shall be given to the treasurer of the town of Mexico.'

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.