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House of Representatives, February 10, 1955

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Courtois of Saco.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Issuing Bonds in Emergencies in City of Saco.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after the Legislature adjourns; and

Whereas, the following legislation is now needed to correct the omission of such at the last session of the Legislature when the new charter for the City of Saco was enacted; and

Whereas, the affairs of the municipal government of Saco have been greatly hampered because of the lack of a provision to provide funds in an emergency; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to meet unforeseen obligations and expenses incident to the operation of the City of Saco; 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., 1953, c. 177, Art. IX, § 1, amended. The last sentence of the 1st paragraph of section 1 of article IX of chapter 177 of the private and special laws of 1953 is hereby amended to read as follows:

No bond or note issue shall be valid unless the council's action has been ratified by the voters of Saco as above provided; **except, in the event of an emer-**

gency or catastrophe, the mayor and city council may vote to issue and sell serial bonds in a sufficient amount to meet said emergency. Five-sevenths vote of the city council shall be the sole determinant of the term "emergency."

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