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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Rollins of Belfast.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Increasing Indebtedness of George H. Robertson School District of Belfast.

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

Whereas, the large increase in the school population of the city is anticipated; and

Whereas, new building construction is vitally necessary; and

Whereas, further delay in building a suitable school building or buildings will endanger the health of the students in said city and will prevent their receiving the proper instruction to which they are entitled; 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:

Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1951, c. 137, § 1, amended. Section 1 of chapter 137 of the private and special laws of 1951 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 1. Incorporation; name; purposes. Subject to the provisions of this act, the inhabitants of and the territory within the city of Belfast are hereby created a body politic and corporate under the name of "George H. Robertson School District" for the purpose of acquiring ~~property~~ **properties** within the said city for school and related athletic and recreational purposes; for the

purpose of erecting, equipping and maintaining on said ~~property~~ **properties** ~~a school building or~~ school buildings **and additions to school buildings** for school purposes and related athletic and recreational facilities; for the purpose of completing, grading, furnishing and equipping said ~~building or~~ buildings **and additions to buildings**; for the purpose of letting or leasing any property of said district to said city; for the purpose of receiving, accepting and holding gifts, grants or devises of property, real, personal or mixed, to be used for school and related athletic and recreational purposes; all for the benefit of the inhabitants of said district.'

Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1951, c. 137, § 3, amended. The first 3 sentences of section 3 of chapter 137 of the private and special laws of 1951 are hereby 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 trustees are hereby authorized from time to time to borrow money and to issue bonds and notes therefor, but shall not incur a total indebtedness exceeding the sum of ~~\$100,000~~ **\$342,000**. Each bond and note shall have inscribed upon its face the words "George H. Robertson School District," shall bear interest at such rates as the trustees shall determine, payable semiannually, and shall be subject to such other provisions as the trustees shall determine. Said bonds may be issued to mature serially, or made to run for such periods, with or without call provisions, as said trustees may determine, but none of which shall run for a longer period than ~~16~~ **20** years from day of original issue.'

Sec. 3. P. & S. L., 1951, c. 137, § 4, amended. The last sentence of section 4 of chapter 137 of the private and special laws of 1951 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'In case the amount in the sinking fund shall not be sufficient to pay the total amount of the bonds falling due at any one time, authority to issue new bonds sufficient to redeem so many of said bonds as cannot be redeemed from the sinking fund is hereby granted to said trustees, but in no case shall new bonds run beyond ~~16~~ **20** years from the date of the original issue.'

Emergency clause; referendum; effective date. 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 territory embraced within the limits of said district, present and voting at a special election called and held for the purpose or at an annual municipal election of the city of Belfast, such annual or special election to be held not later than 4 months after approval of this act. Such special election shall be called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections; provided, however, that the board of registration 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 prepare the required ballots on which he shall reduce the subject matter of this act to the following

question: "Shall the Act Increasing Indebtedness of George H. Robertson School District of Belfast, passed by the 98th 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 election; provided that the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this act at said election equals or exceeds 20% of the total vote for all candidates for Governor in said city at the next previous gubernatorial election. The result of the vote in said district shall be declared by the municipal officers of the city of Belfast and due certificate thereof shall be filed by the city clerk with the Secretary of State.