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House of Representatives, February 5, 1957.

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Hanson of Gardiner.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Increasing Indebtedness of Gardiner School District.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the school building which houses the high school in the city of Gardiner is inadequate ; and

Whereas, it is imperative that action be taken at the earliest possible moment to relieve such conditions ; and

Whereas, to remedy these conditions, additional funds are necessary to construct additional classrooms ; 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., 1949, c. 157, § 4, amended. The first sentence of section 4 of chapter 157 of the private and special laws of 1949 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 time to time to borrow money and to issue bonds and notes of the district therefor, but shall not incur a total indebtedness exceeding the sum of ~~\$300,000~~ \$810,000.’

Emergency clause; referendum; effective date. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved, only for the pur-

pose 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 a regular municipal election of the city of Gardiner. Such regular or special election shall be held not later than 6 months after approval of this act. In the event a special election is called for the purpose, it 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, or 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 special election, the 1st and 2nd days thereof to be devoted to registration of voters, and the 3rd day to enable the board to verify the corrections of such list 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 Gardiner School District, passed by the 98th Legislature, be accepted?" and the voters shall indicate by a cross or a 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 vote 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 preceding gubernatorial election. The result in said district shall be declared by the municipal officers of the city of Gardiner and due certificate thereof shall be filed by the city clerk with the Secretary of State.