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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

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S. P. 627

In Senate, October 28, 1957

The Committee on Legal Affairs suggested.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Reed of Aroostook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT Relating to Castle Hill-Chapman-Mapleton Community School
District.**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the high school building of the Castle Hill-Chapman-Mapleton Community School District has been destroyed by fire and the District is without adequate school facilities; 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., 1947, c. 110, § 1, amended. Section 1 of chapter 110 of the private and special laws of 1947, as amended by section 1 of chapter 10 of the private and special laws of 1957, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 1. Territorial limits; name; purpose. The territory comprising the towns of Castle Hill, Chapman and Mapleton and the people therein shall constitute a body politic and corporate under the name of "Castle Hill-Chapman-Mapleton Community School District" for the purpose of acquiring land within the said district for school and other educational purposes; for the purpose of erecting, enlarging, repairing, equipping and maintaining on said property a school building or buildings and related physical educational facilities; for the purpose of completing, grading, furnishing, rebuilding, renovation and other-

wise bettering the condition of any or all land or buildings within said district for the use of school purposes or which may hereafter be used for school purposes.

~~That part of the town of Chapman which lies east of Presque Isle Stream is hereby excluded from the Castle Hill-Chapman-Mapleton Community School District, but this shall not affect the rights of the holders of the bonds of the district now outstanding or impair the obligation of other existing contracts of the district.~~

Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1947, c. 110, §§ 4-A and 4-B, additional. Chapter 110 of the private and special laws of 1947, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding thereto 2 new sections, to be numbered 4-A and 4-B, to read as follows:

'Sec. 4-A. Transfer of moneys to District by the towns. For the purpose of creating additional capital for purchasing of land, equipment, constructing, repairing, renewing or operational purposes the towns within the District may raise, appropriate and borrow moneys at their discretion and transfer the same to the District in accordance with the following: for each \$1 that Chapman shall contribute, Castle Hill shall contribute \$4 and Mapleton shall contribute \$7.

Sec. 4-B. Contracts with Maine School Building Authority. The said District is hereby authorized and empowered to enter into contracts, leases or agreements with the Maine School Building Authority. Such contracts, leases or agreements with the Maine School Building Authority shall not be considered debts or liabilities of the District in computing its borrowing capacity.'

Emergency clause; effective date; referendum. 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 towns of Castle Hill, Chapman and Mapleton at a regular town meeting or a special meeting within each respective town, called and held not later than April 1, 1958. Such special meeting shall be called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections; provided, however, that the selectmen in the towns of Castle Hill, Chapman and Mapleton shall not be required to prepare for posting, nor the town clerks to post, new lists of voters, and for the purpose of registration of voters, the selectmen of each town shall be in session 1 hour preceding such special meeting. The town clerk in each respective town shall reduce the subject matter of this act to the following question: "Shall the Act Relating to Castle Hill-Chapman-Mapleton Community School District, passed by the Special Session of the 98th Legislature, be accepted?" and the voters shall indicate by secret ballot by 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 within each participating town voting on the question at meetings called and held as aforesaid; provided the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this act in each of said towns equaled or exceeded 20% of the total vote for all candidates for Governor cast in such town at the next previous gubernatorial election.

The result of the vote in each town shall be declared by the municipal officers and due certificates thereof shall be filed by the town clerk with the Secretary of State.

SUMMARY STATEMENT

The purpose of this Private and Special Act is to enable the existing Community School District of Castle Hill, Chapman, Mapleton to rebuild its high school which has been destroyed by fire. The District was created in 1947 by Private and Special Act and its borrowing capacity was increased by Private and Special Act in 1957. However, assistance is still required from the participating towns in the District to build the high school and this Act is to permit the towns to contribute additional capital to the District and to permit the District to negotiate with the Maine School Building Authority.