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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Bragdon of Perham.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-NINE

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**AN ACT to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of Five Million Dollars to Provide for School Construction Aid to School Administrative Districts.**

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**School Administrative Districts.**

**Preamble.** Two-thirds of both Houses of the Legislature deeming it necessary in accordance with the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 14, to authorize the issuance of bonds on behalf of the State of Maine for the purpose of aiding construction in school administrative districts, now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 41, §§ 237-I - 237-K, additional.** Chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding 3 new sections, to be numbered 237-I to 237-K, to read as follows :

**'Bonds to Aid Construction.**

**Sec. 237-I. Duty of Commissioner of Education.** The Commissioner of Education shall see that the subsidy for state aid for school construction provided for in section 237-H shall be paid in full in any given year. If the amounts appropriated by the Legislature to pay state aid for school construction to eligible school administrative units is not sufficient to pay all the claims filed with the Commissioner of Education on November 1st of any given year, the commissioner is authorized to proceed to obtain funds under this section and section 237-J to supplement the moneys so appropriated to the extent that all claims shall be paid in accordance with section 237-H.

**Sec. 237-J. Authority to provide funds.** If from time to time in the opinion of the Commissioner of Education there is need to procure funds to add to appropriated moneys to pay all the claims mentioned in section 237-I, the commissioner shall in writing request the Governor and Council to provide such moneys as may be necessary. The Governor and Council upon receipt of this request shall order the Treasurer of State to issue bonds in the amount requested, but not exceeding in the aggregate \$5,000,000 at any one time outstanding; said bonds to mature serially or be made to run for such periods of time as the Governor and Council may determine, but none of them shall run for a longer period than 20 years. The form of the bonds shall be determined by the Governor and Council and they shall be executed by the Treasurer of the State of Maine and countersigned by the State Auditor. The Governor and Council shall provide for the sale of said bonds under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable and at such rates of interest as they shall determine. The bonds so issued shall be deemed a pledge of the faith and credit of the State.

**Sec. 237-K. Proceeds of bonds not available for other purposes; kept separate from other funds.** The proceeds of all bonds issued under the authority of sections 237-I to 237-K shall at all times be kept distinct from all other moneys of the State and shall not be drawn upon or be available for any other purpose. The proceeds shall be held by the Treasurer of State and paid by him upon warrants drawn by the Governor and Council.

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 41, § 237-I, renumbered.** Section 237-I of chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 32 of chapter 443 of the public laws of 1957, is renumbered to be section 237-L.

**Sec. 3. Contingent upon ratification of bond issue.** No action shall be taken or liability incurred under this act unless and until the people of the State of Maine shall have ratified the issuance of bonds in behalf of the State at such time and in such amounts as set forth in this act for the purpose of aiding construction in school administrative units.

**Referendum for ratification.** The aldermen of cities, the selectmen of towns and the assessors of the several plantations of this State are hereby empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet in the manner prescribed by law for calling and holding biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the election of Senators and Representatives, at the next general or special state-wide election, to give in their votes upon the acceptance or rejection of the foregoing act, and the question shall be:

“Shall a bond issue be ratified for the purposes set forth in ‘An Act to Authorize a Bond Issue of Five Million Dollars to Aid Construction in School Administrative Districts’ passed by the 99th Legislature, be accepted?”

And the inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed within a square upon their ballots their opinion of the same, those in favor of said ratification voting “Yes” and those opposed to said ratification voting “No” and the ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings, and return made to the office of the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for Governor and Members of the Legislature, and the Governor and Council shall count the

same and if it shall appear that a majority of the inhabitants voting on the question are in favor of the act, the Governor shall forthwith make known the fact by his proclamation, and the act shall become effective 30 days after the date of said proclamation.

**Secretary of State shall prepare ballots.** The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to the several cities, towns and plantations ballots and blank returns in conformity with the foregoing act, accompanied by a copy thereof.