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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION  
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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1439**

S. P. 532

In Senate, January 19, 1960.

Committee on Legal Affairs suggested.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Dow of Lincoln.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY

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**AN ACT to Ratify and Make Valid the Incorporation of the Wiscasset  
School District.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, the voters of the Town of Wiscasset at a special town meeting held on November 3, 1959, voted to incorporate the Wiscasset School District pursuant to the provisions of chapter 136 of the private and special laws of 1959; and

Whereas, the trustees of said district desire to enter into immediate negotiations to contract for the erection of a new secondary school building; and

Whereas, the said district has applied for a loan of \$450,000 for the purpose of erecting and equipping the said school; and

Whereas, bond counsel for certain lending institutions have raised questions as to the technical sufficiency of the warrant and proceedings at said special town meeting; and

Whereas, the building that presently houses the secondary school pupils is overcrowded and inadequate and in need of repair; and

Whereas, the overcrowded and inadequate conditions of said school is detrimental to the health, safety and quality of education of the secondary pupils; and

Whereas, the time for holding a new town meeting to accept the provisions of chapter 136 of the private and special laws of 1959 has expired; and

Whereas, acts passed by the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless passed as emergency measures; 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:

**Incorporation of Wiscasset School District.** The incorporation of the Wiscasset School District on November 3, 1959, under the provisions of chapter 136 of the private and special laws of 1959, is hereby ratified, affirmed and made valid, and all acts and doings of its trustees and officers in their capacity of such trustees and officers as shown by the records of the Wiscasset School District, are hereby approved, ratified and declared to be valid and legal.

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

#### STATEMENT OF FACTS

The technical sufficiency of a warrant calling the special town meeting referred to in the emergency preamble has caused the bond counsel to question the formation of the district. The high school should be constructed at once and it is hoped to start construction in the spring. The inhabitants of the Town of Wiscasset voted 166 in favor and 36 against to accept the act. The act required a minimum total vote of 20% of the preceding gubernatorial vote and the requirement in this instance was for 143 votes and 202 votes were cast. The validation of the proceeding will allow us to immediately proceed to contract to sell our bonds and build our badly needed high school.