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Chapter 187.

An Act Authorizing the Issue of Bonds and Notes to the Amount of One Million Dollars to Defray Expenses Incurred to Suppress Insurrection, Repel Invasion or for Purposes of War and Making Appropriations therefor.

Preamble. Whereas, in order to prepare for the exigencies which may arise in and to the State of Maine, in the crisis now impending in the foreign relations of the United States, the appropriation of money therefor and the incurring of debt or debts, liability or liabilities, in behalf of the state in excess of the ordinary debt limit of the state are necessary and are emergency measures 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. Million dollar war fund created. Treasurer of state with advice of governor and council may issue bonds and notes; form. The governor and council are hereby directed to render to the government of the United States in the present crisis any and all assistance within the power of the state and for the purpose of suppressing insurrection, repelling invasion or for purposes of war, the governor with the advice and consent of the council may draw his warrant upon any money in the treasury available and not otherwise appropriated, and the treasurer of state may, under the direction of the governor and council, borrow upon the credit of the state such sums, not exceeding one million dollars, as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this act, and for that purpose may issue bonds and or notes in the name and on behalf of the state, at such rates of interest, in such sums and of such denominations and on such time or times, and to mature at a definite time or serially as the governor and council may determine. Such bonds and or notes shall be signed by the treasurer of state, countersigned by the governor, and attested by the state auditor with the seal of the state affixed, and shall be deemed to be and shall be a pledge of the faith and credit of the state and shall be tax exempt. The coupons attached to any coupon bonds so issued shall bear the facsimile of the signature of the treasurer of state, instead of his original signature. The state auditor shall keep an account of such bonds and or notes, showing the number and amount of each, the date of countersigning, the date when payable, and the date of delivery thereof to the treasurer of state, who shall keep an account of such bonds and or notes, showing the number thereof, the names of the persons to whom sold, the amount received for the same, the date of sale and the date when payable. The treasurer of state may negotiate the sale of such bonds and or notes under the direction of the governor and council in such manner as they may deem most advantageous to the state and the proceeds of the sale of such bonds and or notes shall be held by the treasurer of state, and paid by him upon warrants drawn by the governor and council for the purposes of this act, until otherwise ordered by the legislature.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The sum of one million dollars is hereby appropriated to be paid out of the treasury of state from any money in the treas-

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ury not otherwise appropriated and from the proceeds of any bonds and or notes issued under the provisions of this act to be expended under the direction of the governor with the advice and consent of the council in defraying the expenses incurred in carrying out the purposes of this act.

Sec. 3. Interest, how met. Interest due or accruing upon any bonds and or notes issued under the provisions of this act shall be paid by the treasurer of state from any money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, and or from the state contingent fund upon warrants drawn by the governor and council therefor.

Sec. 4. Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble hereof this act shall take effect when approved.

Approved April 3, 1917.

Chapter 188.

An Act to Amend Sections Fifty-five, Fifty-six, Fifty-seven, Fifty-eight, Fifty-nine, Sixty-one and Sixty-two of Chapter Sixteen of the Revised Statutes, to Provide for the Formation of Unions for the Employment of Superintendents of Schools.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 16, § 55, relating to school supervisory unions, amended. Section fifty-five of chapter sixteen of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and inserting in place thereof the following, so that said section when amended shall read as follows:

‘Sec. 55. I. All towns to be combined by state superintendent for purposes of supervision, on or before Jan. 1, 1918. Aggrieved school committees may appeal to governor and council. It shall be the duty of the state superintendent of public schools on or before the first day of January, nineteen hundred eighteen, to combine all the towns of the state, except as herein provided, into unions for the purpose of employing superintendents of schools. Such supervisory unions as shall have been formed prior to said date may be dissolved by the state superintendent of public schools for the purpose of more advantageous combination. Provided, however, that any superintending school committee of a town dissatisfied with the combination proposed by the state superintendent of public schools to include that town may appeal to the governor and council who shall make the final decision relative thereto. The unions formed under the provisions of this act shall be effective July first, nineteen hundred eighteen. Whenever, upon the representation of the superintending school committee of any town, it shall appear to the state superintendent of public schools to be to the advantage of said town and of the state to change the combination of towns composing the union of which said town is a part, the said state superintendent of public schools shall have authority to direct the dissolution and organization of unions so that a more advantageous combination may be effected. Provided, however, that any superintending school committee of a town dissatisfied with the change in the combination proposed by the state superintendent of