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cable provisions of chapter fifty-five of the revised statutes, and acts amendatory thereof and additional thereto.

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Chapter 94.

An Act to Annex Cow Island to the Town of Bremen.

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

Cow Island annexed to town of Bremen. Cow Island is hereby annexed to and made part of the town of Bremen in the county of Lincoln.

Approved April 3, 1929.

Chapter 95.

An Act to Incorporate the Town of Rumford School District.

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

Sec. 1. Incorporation; name; purposes. The town of Rumford, its territory and the people therein subject to the provisions of this act, shall constitute a body politic and corporate under the name of the "Town of Rumford School District" for the purpose of providing additional school facilities within said district, for the purpose of erecting and constructing an addition to the present Stephens high school building upon land provided and secured for school purposes and located on Penobscot street of Rumford Falls Village in said town of Rumford, and for the further purposes of equipping and maintaining said building and grading the grounds about the same, all as hereinafter provided and for the benefit of the inhabitants of said district.

Sec. 2. Conveyance of Stephens high school property; majority vote required. The town of Rumford is hereby authorized to convey to said "Town of Rumford School District" the land and buildings thereon now constituting the Stephens high school property situated in Rumford Falls Village in the town of Rumford, Oxford county, Maine, described as follows: Bounded on the north by Essex avenue, on the east by York street, on the south by Oxford avenue, and on the west by Penobscot street, or so much of the aforesaid lot with the buildings thereon as may be necessary for the purposes of this act.

Before conveying as aforesaid, the municipal officers shall be duly authorized to make such conveyance by a majority vote of the legal voters of said town voting at a special meeting called for that purpose. Said "Town of Rumford School District" is hereby authorized and empowered by

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action of its trustees to accept from the town of Rumford conveyance of the property above described.

Sec. 3. Trustees; how chosen; organization; compensation. All the affairs of said district as are herein provided shall be managed by a board of trustees composed of five members who shall hold office for the period of five years from the date of their appointment. Said trustees shall be chosen by the municipal officers of the town of Rumford as soon as may be after the acceptance of this act as hereinafter provided. Three of the five so appointed shall be members of the superintending school committee of the town of Rumford at the time of their appointment. Removal from the town of Rumford by any trustee shall ipso facto vacate his office. Vacancies upon the board of trustees occurring because of expiration of the official term of five years, removal from town, resignation, death or any cause shall be filled by the municipal officers of the town of Rumford in the same manner in which the original board was chosen.

The members of the board as soon as convenient after they have been chosen as above provided, shall meet upon call of one of their number, after such reasonable notice as he shall deem proper. They shall then elect from their membership a president, clerk and treasurer, adopt a corporate seal and do all other acts, matters and things necessary to perfect their organization. Thus organized, the trustees shall have the right and authority to employ such officers and agents as they may deem necessary for the proper conduct and management of the affairs of the district.

The trustees shall serve the district without compensation except that the treasurer shall receive for his services an amount to be fixed by the board of trustees not to exceed one hundred dollars per year. The treasurer shall give a bond to the district in such sum and with such sureties as the trustees may determine, which bond shall be deposited with the president. The expense of said bond shall be paid by the district. The treasurer's salary, bond premium, and all expenses of the district shall be paid from the funds of the district. At the close of each fiscal year the trustees shall make a detailed report of their doings, of the financial condition of said district and the physical condition of said school building, and also such other matters and things pertaining to said district as shall show the inhabitants thereof how said trustees are fulfilling the duties and obligations of their trust, said reports to be made, attested to and filed with the municipal officers of said town.

Sec. 4. Authorized to issue notes and bonds. To procure funds for the purpose of this act and such other expenses as may be necessary to the carrying out of said purposes, the district is hereby authorized to issue its notes and bonds, but shall not incur a total indebtedness exceeding the

sum of one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars. Each bond shall have inscribed upon its face the words: "Town of Rumford School District" and shall bear interest at such rates as the trustees shall determine, payable semi-annually. Said bonds shall be issued to mature serially over a period beginning in nineteen hundred and thirty-five and terminating not later than nineteen hundred and sixty-seven. Terms and conditions of any such bond issue within the limits herein prescribed shall be wholly within the discretion of the trustees. All notes or bonds issued by said district shall be signed by the treasurer and countersigned by the president of the district, and if coupon bonds be issued, each coupon shall be attested by a facsimile signature of the president and treasurer printed thereon.

Sec. 5. Trustees to issue warrant to meet obligations. The trustees of the "Town of Rumford School District" shall annually determine the sum required each year to meet the bonds falling due, the interest on bonds or other obligations, and other necessary expenses of the district, and shall each year thereafter, before the first day of April, issue their warrant in the same form as the warrant of the state treasurer for taxes, with proper changes, to the assessors of the town of Rumford, requiring them to assess the sum so determined upon the taxable polls and estates within said district and to commit their assessment to the constable or collector of said town of Rumford, who shall have all and the same authority and powers to collect said taxes as is vested by law to collect state, county and municipal taxes. On or before the thirty-first day of December of the year in which said tax is so levied, the treasurer of said town shall pay the amount of the tax so assessed against said district, to the treasurer of said district. In the case of the failure on the part of the treasurer of the town to pay said sum, or in case of his failure to pay any part thereof on or before said thirty-first day of December of the year in which said tax is so levied, the treasurer of said district may issue his warrant for the amount of said tax or so much thereof as shall then remain unpaid, to the sheriff of Oxford county, requiring him to levy by distress and sale on real and personal property of any of the inhabitants of said district, and the sheriff or either or any of his deputies shall execute said warrant except as is otherwise provided herein. The same authority as is vested in county officials for the collection of county taxes, under the provisions of the revised statutes, is hereby vested in the trustees of said district in relation to the collection of taxes within said district.

Sec. 6. When trustees cease to function. At such time as the school building shall have been completed, equipped, and occupied by pupils of said district and the board of trustees of the district shall have discharged all of its principal obligations and the property of said district shall be

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free and clear of all indebtedness, the board of trustees shall automatically cease to function and all of the duties, management, care and maintenance in respect to such school building shall revert to the school board of the town of Rumford or such other board as may, at that time, have jurisdiction over similar school property, and the then president and treasurer shall cause to be executed, signed and delivered, a good and sufficient deed of all the property in said district, to the town of Rumford. All money, if any, remaining in the treasury of the board of trustees at the time it ceases to function, shall be given to the town treasurer of Rumford. This money shall be used only for school purposes and shall be kept separate from all other money until authorized by the selectmen of the town of Rumford to be expended as hereinbefore stated.

Sec. 7. Act subject to referendum. This act shall not take effect unless accepted and approved by a majority vote of the legal voters of the territory embraced within the limits of said district present and voting at an election to be specially called by the selectmen of the town of Rumford and held for that purpose within sixty days after the approval of this act. Such special election shall be called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections, provided, however, that the selectmen of the town of Rumford shall not be required to prepare for posting, or the town clerk to post a new list of voters, and for the purpose of registration of voters, said selectmen of the town of Rumford shall be in session the three secular days next preceding such elections. The town clerk shall reduce the subject matter of this act to the following question: "Shall the Act to Incorporate the Town of Rumford School District be Accepted?" and the voters shall indicate by a cross placed over the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same. The result in said district shall be declared by the municipal officers of the town of Rumford and due certificate filed by the town clerk with the secretary of state.

Approved April 3, 1929.

Chapter 96.

An Act to Amend and Extend the Charter of Kennebec Reservoir Company.

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

Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1927, c. 113, sec. 1; relating to act to create Kennebec Reservoir Company, amended. Section one of chapter one hundred and thirteen of the private and special acts of nineteen hundred and twenty-seven is hereby amended by striking out the name of "Garrett Schenck" in the second line and inserting in the place thereof the name 'W. A. Whitcomb.'