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for school purposes. Before transferring and conveying any of said property or turning over any of said funds or assets, the municipal officers of the town of Mars Hill shall be duly authorized to do so by a majority vote of the legal voters present at any annual or special town meeting, the call for which shall have given notice of the proposed action.

Sec. 9. Effective date; referendum. This act shall take effect 90 days after the adjournment of the legislature only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the territory embraced within the limits of said district, present and voting at a special meeting called and held for the purpose or at an annual town meeting of the town of Mars Hill. Such special meeting or annual town meeting shall be held not later than 1 year after the effective date of this act. In the event a special meeting is called for the purpose, it shall be called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections; provided, however, that the board of registration in said town of Mars Hill 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 board shall be in session the 3 secular days next preceding such special meeting, the 1st and 2nd days thereof to be devoted to registration of voters, and the last day to enable the board to verify the correctness of said lists and to complete and close up their records of said sessions. The town clerk shall prepare the required ballots on which he shall reduce the subject matter of this act to the following question: "Shall the Act to Incorporate the Town of Mars Hill School District be accepted?" and the voters shall indicate by a cross placed against 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 vote of the legal voters voting at said meeting. The result of the vote shall be declared by the municipal officers of the town of Mars Hill and due certificate filed by the town clerk with the secretary of state.

Effective August 13, 1947

Chapter 158

AN ACT to Amend the Charter of the City of Augusta by Providing for the Appropriation of School Funds by the City Council.

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

Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1919, c. 75, § 32, repealed and replaced. Section 32 of chapter 75 of the private and special laws of 1919, as amended by chapter 51 of the private and special laws of 1923, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 32. Board of education to prepare a budget; meeting of mayor, board of education and finance committee to consider budget; appropriation by city council; books of board of education to be audited. Said board of education shall prepare a report of the affairs and condition of the city schools for the year ending on the 31st day of December preceding and a detailed estimate in the form of a budget of the amount needed for school purposes for the current year and shall submit a copy of said report and estimate to the mayor and each member of the city council by the 1st day of March of each year. There shall be held at such time as shall be fixed by the mayor a joint meeting of said board of education and the mayor and the finance committee of said city council, due notice of which meeting shall be given jointly by the mayor and superintendent of schools to each member of said board of education and said finance committee, to consider such estimate, and said board of education shall give full information with reference to said estimate and their reasons for fixing the items thereof at the amounts therein stated. It shall be the duty of the mayor and the members of said board of education and of said finance committee to be present at said meeting. Said mayor and finance committee, or any member thereof, or of said board of education, who do not concur in said estimate or any item thereof shall, unless said item or items are changed by said board of education, present their reasons for their non-concurrence at the meeting, or meetings, of the city council at which the appropriations of school moneys are made. The city council shall have the power to raise moneys for the support of public schools in said city and shall appropriate for the current year ending on the 31st day of December such sum, not less than the amount required by the general laws of the state, as they may deem necessary for that purpose. Such sum shall be included with and assessed like other city taxes, and all the provisions of law relating to the assessment and collection of taxes shall be applicable to such tax. All salaries, wages and bills contracted by said board of education in the usual and regular course during the period between the said 31st day of December and the raising of said money for the then current year, and for the payment of which school funds are not available, shall be paid by the city treasurer and charged up against the school appropriation for said current year. It shall be the duty of the city auditor, under the direction of the mayor and finance committee, to audit the books of said board of education from time to time and as directed by said mayor and finance committee. The city council shall have the power to raise or borrow money for the building and reconstruction of school buildings and the purchase of lots therefor.'

Sec. 2. Local referendum; effective date. This act shall take effect 90 days after the adjournment of this legislature only for the purpose of per-

mitting its acceptance or rejection by the legal voters of the city of Augusta at the next regular state or city election. For the purposes of such election the city clerk shall reduce the subject matter of this act to the following question: "Shall the Act to Amend the Charter of the City of Augusta by Providing for the Appropriation of School Funds by the City Council be accepted?" and the voters shall indicate by a cross placed against 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 vote of the legal voters voting at said election. The result of the vote shall be declared by the municipal officers of the city of Augusta and due certificates thereof filed by the city clerk with the secretary of state.

Effective August 13, 1947

Chapter 159

AN ACT to Incorporate the Orono-Veazie Water District.

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

Sec. 1. Territorial limits; name; purposes. The area included within the combined territorial limits of the towns of Orono and Veazie in the county of Penobscot and the inhabitants therein, is hereby created a body politic and corporate by the name of Orono-Veazie Water District, for the purpose of supplying the inhabitants of said district with water for domestic, sanitary, commercial and municipal purposes.

Sec. 2. Source of supply. The said water district, for the purposes of its incorporation, is hereby authorized to take, collect, store, flow, use, detain, distribute and convey to and in the towns of Orono, Veazie, or both, water from Chemo lake and its tributaries in the town of Bradley and the city of Brewer; from Eaton brook and its tributaries in the city of Brewer and the towns of Eddington and Holden; from Hatcase pond in the towns of Dedham and Eddington and/or from Sweets pond in the town of Orrington, or such other source of supply as is approved by the public utilities commission or to contract to do all or any of the foregoing.

Sec. 3. May exercise eminent domain. The said district, for the purposes of its incorporation, is hereby authorized to take and hold, as for public uses, by purchase or otherwise, including by right of eminent domain, in the city of Brewer and the towns of Orono, Veazie, Bradley, Holden, Eddington, Dedham and Orrington any lands or interests in land or water rights necessary for erecting and maintaining dams, for flowage, for power for pumping its water supply through its mains, for reservoirs, for preserving the purity of the water and watershed, for laying and maintaining