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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

Ninety-fifth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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RESOLVES
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State tax assessor authorized to convey certain lands. Resolved: That the state tax assessor be, and hereby is, authorized to convey by sale certain interest of the state in the following described lands in Connor, unorganized territory in Aroostook county, to Paul Damboise, of Connor, for the sum of \$351.99, plus an amount equivalent to the 1951 taxes:

Lot 16, in E. $\frac{1}{2}$, except 7 rod strip off N. side, with buildings (71 acres); lot in S. W. part lot 17, E. $\frac{1}{2}$ (0.06 acre); lot in N. E. part lot 15, E. $\frac{1}{2}$ (1 acre). Reference, deeds Aroostook Northern Registry, book 214, pages 463 and 446.

Lot 31 in E. $\frac{1}{2}$, with buildings. Reference, deed book 207, page 304.

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

Effective May 19, 1951

Chapter 126

RESOLVE, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Make Temporarily Inoperative any Measure Adopted by the People which Fails to Provide a Revenue Adequate for its Service.

Constitutional amendment. Resolved: Two-thirds of each branch of the legislature concurring, that the following amendment to the constitution of this state be proposed:

Constitution, Art. IV, Part Third, § 19, amended. The 1st sentence of section 19 of part third of article IV of the constitution is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Any measure referred to the people and approved by a majority of the votes given thereon shall, unless a later date is specified in said measure, take effect and become a law in thirty days after the governor has made public proclamation of the result of the vote on said measure, which he shall do within ten days after the vote thereon has been canvassed and determined; provided, however, that any such measure which entails expenditure in an amount in excess of available and unappropriated state funds shall remain inoperative until forty-five days after the next convening of the legislature in regular session, unless the measure provides for raising new revenues adequate for its operation.'

Form of question and date when amendment shall be voted upon. Resolved: That the aldermen of cities, the selectmen of towns and the assessors of the several plantations of this state are hereby empowered and

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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 amendment proposed in the foregoing resolution, and the question shall be:

“Shall the constitution be amended as proposed by resolution of the legislature to make temporarily inoperative any measure adopted by the people which fails to provide a revenue adequate for its service?”

And the inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations shall vote by ballot on said question, those in favor of the amendment voting “Yes” upon their ballots and those opposed to the amendment voting “No” upon their ballots, and the ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns 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 amendment, the governor shall forthwith make known the fact by his proclamation, and the amendment shall thereupon, as of the date of said proclamation, become a part of the constitution.

Secretary of state shall prepare ballots. **Resolved:** That the secretary of state shall prepare and furnish to the several cities, towns and plantations ballots and blank returns in conformity with the foregoing resolve, accompanied by a copy thereof.

Effective August 20, 1951

Chapter 127

RESOLVE, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Exempt Rental Agreements with the Maine School Building Authority from the Limitations of Municipal Indebtedness.

Constitutional amendment. Resolved: Two-thirds of each branch of the legislature concurring, that the following amendment to the constitution of this state be proposed:

Constitution, Art. IX, Section 15, amended. Section 15 of article IX of the constitution, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding at the end thereof a new sentence, to read as follows:

‘Long term rental agreements not exceeding forty years under contracts with the Maine School Building Authority shall not be debts or liabilities within the provisions of this article.’