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for the townships of Alder Stream, Coburn Gore, Chain of Ponds, and Jim Pond. All excise taxes received by the treasurer from payments by residents of these townships shall be paid into this fund for use on the various roads in these townships as will benefit the residents of all the said townships.

Effective August 8, 1953

Chapter 36

AN ACT Relating to the Charter of the Old Town High School District.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the facilities to accommodate pupils attending the secondary and elementary schools in the city of Old Town are inadequate, resulting in the overcrowding of the capacity of the present school buildings in the city of Old Town, which condition is dangerous to the health and lives of the children of said schools; and

Whereas, construction of a new high school is now proceeding but because of increased costs of construction and costs of equipment that have materialized over the original estimates of the costs thereof, funds are not available for completing the construction and equipment of said high school building within the borrowing capacity of the district, as authorized in section 5 of chapter 87 of the private and special laws of Maine, 1951; and

Whereas, because of the largest school enrollment in the history of the city, most unsatisfactory temporary quarters are now being used; and

Whereas, in order to alleviate these unsatisfactory and overcrowded conditions, it is necessary to complete the present high school building as soon as possible; and

Whereas, complete construction and equipment of said high school building cannot be attained until further and necessary funds are available; and

Whereas, these funds can only be made available by the Old Town High School District, since the completion of the construction and equipment of said high school building is the property of said district; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the constitution 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:

P. & S. L., 1951, c. 87, § 5, amended. The 1st sentence of section 5 of chapter 87 of the private and special laws of 1951 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'To procure funds for the purposes of this act, the said district, by its trustees, is hereby authorized to issue its bonds to an amount not exceeding the sum of ~~§600,000~~ \$700,000.'

Emergency clause; effective date; referendum. In view of the emergency recited in the preamble hereof, this act shall take effect when approved, only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters within said district, at any regular or special election called and held for the purpose, by the municipal officers of the city of Old Town, to be held at the voting places in each ward in said city; the date of holding said election to be determined by said municipal officers. Such special election shall be held not later than 4 months after the effective date of this act, and shall be called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections; provided, however, that the board of registration shall not be required to prepare nor the city clerk to post a new list of voters, and for the purpose of registration of voters, said board shall be in session 3 secular days next preceeding such election, the first 2 days thereof to be devoted to registration of voters, and the last day to enable the board to verify the corrections of said lists and to complete and close up their records of said sessions. The city clerk shall reduce the subject matter of this act to the following question: "Shall the Act Relating to the Charter of the Old Town High School District be accepted?" And the voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark 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 of the legal voters voting at said election; provided that the total number of votes cast for and against acceptance of this act equals or exceeds 20% of the total vote cast for all candidates for governor in said district at the next previous gubernatorial election.

The result of the vote in said district shall be determined by the city council of the city of Old Town and due certificate thereof filed by the city clerk with the secretary of state.