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Chapter 116

AN ACT Amending the Charter of the People's Ferry Company.

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

P. & S. L., 1885, c. 495, § 10, repealed and replaced. Section 10 of chapter 495 of the private and special laws of 1885, as enacted by chapter 94 of the private and special laws of 1919, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 10. Maintenance of landings by other companies. No other ferry or steam or power boat line operating between Portland and the islands in Casco Bay shall make or maintain a landing place on Peak's Island, Great Diamond Island, Little Diamond Island, Long Island and Chebeague Island without the written consent of the public utilities commission; but nothing herein shall be construed to interfere with or impair the existing vested rights of any other transportation company. The People's ferry and the Casco Bay lines shall maintain safe daily service to the islands of Casco Bay under regulations promulgated by the public utilities commission as to rates, schedules and safety.'

Effective August 8, 1953

Chapter 117

AN ACT Relating to the Town of Hampden School District.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, by virtue of chapter 138 of the private and special laws of 1945 the Town of Hampden School District was created and duly accepted by the voters of the town and has constructed a school building to care for all the elementary school students of the town excepting a small number who attend school in a small separate building known as the Hannibal Hamlin School; and

Whereas, only 13 class rooms are completed in the new school building owned by the district and 4 other class rooms with toilets, kitchen and cafeteria, with other small rooms are provided for in the plans but not yet completed because the borrowing capacity of the district is not large enough to enable the district to complete these rooms; and

Whereas, studies made by the school board show clearly that there will be a large enough increase in the number of students in the elementary

grades in Hampden when school opens in September, 1953 to make it impossible to care for them in the buildings in present use and to require the reopening of another very old building which has been closed by the town; and

Whereas, said old building is in very bad condition, impossible to properly heat and properly ventilate, poorly lighted, unsafe from a standpoint of health and sanitary conditions and cause of fire hazard, and if elementary school children were forced to occupy this building during the next school year their health, welfare, peace and safety would be jeopardized; and

Whereas, said old building could not be repaired at any reasonable cost commensurate with the results obtainable; and

Whereas, any attempt to take care of the increased enrollment of students during the coming year in either of the buildings now in present use would result in an over-crowded condition which would make it impossible to properly instruct the students and to maintain proper health and sanitary conditions; and

Whereas, if immediate action is taken upon this measure it would be possible for the Town of Hampden School District to complete said unfinished rooms before the opening of school in September 1953 and thus avoid the danger to the health and safety of its students who would otherwise be forced to occupy said old school building; and

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

Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1945, c. 138, § 4, amended. The 1st sentence of section 4 of chapter 138 of the private and special laws of 1945 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'To procure funds for the purpose of this act, and for such other expenses as may be necessary to carry out said purposes, the said district is hereby authorized from time to time to borrow money and to issue its bonds and notes therefor, but shall not incur a total indebtedness exceeding the sum of ~~\$300,000~~ \$350,000 at any one time outstanding.'

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 of the town of Hampden at any regular or special meeting called and held for the purpose not later than 4 months after the approval of this act. Such special meeting shall be called, advertised and conducted according to law relating to municipal elections; provided, however, that the board of registration of the town of Hampden shall not be required to prepare for posting nor the town clerk to post a new list of voters, and for the purpose of registration of voters, said board shall be in session 1 hour preceding such meeting. The town clerk shall prepare the required ballots on which he shall reduce the subject matter of this act to the following question: "Shall 'An Act Relating to the Town of Hampden School District,' passed by the 96th legislature, be accepted?" and the voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed over the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same. This act shall take effect for all the purposes thereof immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters voting at said meeting; provided that the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this act at said meeting equals or exceeds 20% of the total vote for all candidates for governor in said town at the next previous gubernatorial election.

The result of the vote in said district shall be declared by the municipal officers of the town of Hampden and due certificate thereof shall be filed by the town clerk with the secretary of state.

Effective April 27, 1953

Chapter 118

AN ACT Relating to Special Town Meetings in Town of Fairfield.

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

P. & S. L., 1945, c. 47, § 1, amended. Section 1 of chapter 47 of the private and special laws of 1945 is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof a new sentence to read as follows:

'No special town meeting shall be valid unless the number of registered voters present shall equal at least 10% of the vote for all candidates for governor cast in the town of Fairfield at the next previous gubernatorial election.'