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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

## Ninety-seventh Legislature

OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE

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of 1929 and repealed and replaced by chapter 37 of the private and special laws of 1949, is hereby amended by adding after the 1st sentence a new sentence to read as follows:

'The city of Portland is further authorized to pay to such members of the police and fire departments a sum, not to exceed 50c per day, in addition to the amount of pension per day above specified.'

Effective August 20, 1955

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## Chapter 21

### AN ACT Increasing Amount of Bonds of Town of Litchfield School District.

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, the schoolhouses which house the school pupils of the town of Litchfield are entirely inadequate for school purposes and need to be expanded; and

Whereas, it is imperative that action be taken as soon as spring weather permits construction so that additional space may be provided for the opening of school in the fall of 1955; and

Whereas, it is vitally necessary that the inhabitants of the town of Litchfield be permitted to vote upon the following legislation at the town meeting in 1955; 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:*

**P. & S. L., 1947, c. 19, § 4, amended.** The 1st sentence of section 4 of chapter 19 of the private and special laws of 1947, as amended by chapter 25 of the private and special laws of 1949, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'To procure funds for the purposes of this act and such other expense as may be necessary for the carrying out of said purposes, and to reimburse the town of Litchfield for such sums of money as the said town has raised either by taxation or by bond issue for said purposes and turned over to it, the said district is hereby authorized to issue its bonds and notes, but shall not incur a total indebtedness exceeding the sum of \$55,000 \$75,000.'

**Emergency clause; referendum; effective date.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved, only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the town of Litchfield at the next regular town meeting or at a special meeting called and held for the purpose not later than 6 months after the approval of this act, an appropriate article being inserted in the call for such meeting. Such special meeting shall be called, advertised and conducted according to law relating to municipal elections, provided, however, that the selectmen in the town of Litchfield 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 selectmen shall be in session 1 hour preceding such meeting. The town clerk shall reduce the subject matter of

this act to the following question: "Shall 'An Act Increasing Amount of Bonds of Town of Litchfield School District,' as passed by the 97th Legislature, be accepted?" and the voters shall indicate by ballot of 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 such meeting; provided that the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this act at such meeting equals or exceeds 20% of the total vote for all candidates for Governor cast in said town at the next previous gubernatorial election.

The result of the vote shall be declared by the municipal officers of the town of Litchfield and due certificate thereof filed by the town clerk with the Secretary of State.

Effective March 7, 1955

## Chapter 22

### AN ACT Relating to the Superintending School Committee of the City of Belfast.

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

P. & S. L., 1929, c. 115, Art. IV, § 1, amended. Section 1 of article IV of chapter 115 of the private and special laws of 1929 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 1. **Composition; eligibility; election; tenure of office; special provision.** The superintending school committee shall consist of the mayor, ex officio, and ~~ten~~ 5 other members elected ~~two~~ one from each ward by and from the inhabitants thereof. No person shall be ineligible to membership on the superintending school committee on account of sex. They shall hold office for a term of 4 years or until their successors are elected and qualified. ~~One member of the committee shall be elected from each ward at the first election held under this charter. The members of the present school committee whose offices do not expire in nineteen hundred and thirty shall continue in office until the following city election.~~ Notwithstanding the provisions of the 1st sentence of this section, at the first election held under this revision of the charter Wards 2 and 4 shall each elect one member of the school committee; and at the next succeeding city election, Wards 1, 3 and 5 shall each elect one member of the school committee. At succeeding city elections members shall be elected alternately in this manner. The 5 members of the committee serving at the time of the effective date of this charter revision shall continue to serve their respective 4-year terms. A majority of the members of the committee shall constitute a quorum at all times.'

**Referendum; effective date; certificate to Secretary of State.** This act shall take effect 90 days after adjournment of the Legislature, only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the city of Belfast at the next regular city election; an appropriate article being inserted in the call for such election. The city 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 Superintending School Committee of the City of Belfast,' passed by the 97th Legislature, be accepted?" And the voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed against the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the