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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

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pose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the town of Lisbon at a meeting which shall be called by the selectmen of the town of Lisbon, at such time as the selectmen may determine, within 60 days after approval of this act. At such meeting the vote shall be by ballot bearing the question: "Shall 'An Act Relating to the Lisbon Water Department' 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 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 meeting; provided that the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this act equals or exceeds 20% of the number of voters on the official check list of the town. The result of said voting shall be declared by the selectmen of the town of Lisbon and due certificate thereof filed by the town clerk with the Secretary of State.

Effective March 10, 1955

Chapter 35

AN ACT Amending the Charter of the Caribou Hospital District.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the present hospital of the town of Caribou is overcrowded and inadequate for present day needs, and many patients are not able to receive medical attention when needed, due to the present facilities being overcrowded and inadequate to supply the medical needs of the district; and

Whereas, it is imperative that action be taken at the earliest possible moment to relieve these conditions; and

Whereas, the Caribou Hospital District will require additional funds immediately in order to complete the construction necessary to remedy these conditions; and

Whereas, the present debt limit of the Caribou Hospital District is insufficient for this purpose; and

Whereas, acts of the legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment; 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., 1953, c. 12, § 4, amended. The 1st sentence of section 4 of chapter 12 of the private and special laws of 1953 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'To procure funds for the purposes of this act and for such other expenses as may be necessary to carry out said purposes, the said district, by its trustees, 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~~ \$315,000 outstanding at any one time.'

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

Effective March 10, 1955

Chapter 36

AN ACT Amending the Charter of the City of Westbrook.

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

Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1907, c. 257, § 2, repealed and replaced. Section 2 of chapter 257 of the private and special laws of 1907 is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 2. Mayor; city council; school committee. The government of said city, with the administration of all its fiscal, prudential and municipal affairs shall be vested in one principal magistrate, to be called the mayor, and in one council of thirteen, to be called the city council, the members thereof to be called aldermen. The general management and control of the public schools and of the school property, buildings and grounds, including insurance and repairs on buildings, shall be vested in a school committee of seven, the members thereof to be called school committeemen.'

Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1907, c. 257, § 4, repealed and replaced. Section 4 of chapter 257 of the private and special laws of 1907, as amended by section 1 of chapter 133 of the private and special laws of 1953, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 4. Mayor, city clerk, aldermen and other officers, how elected, terms. The mayor, city clerk and three aldermen shall be elected from the citizens at large, by the legal voters of the city voting in their respective wards. Two aldermen, a warden, a ward clerk and a constable shall be elected in each ward, being residents in the ward where elected. The city council may divide any ward into two or more precincts, and in which event additional wardens, ward clerks, and constables shall be elected by each precinct from residents therein. All said officers shall be elected by a plurality of the votes given, and shall hold office for 2 years from the 1st Monday in January, and until others shall be elected and qualified in their places.

In December of 1955, one school committeeman at large and one from ward 1 shall be elected to hold office for 4 years. Those committeemen from wards 2 and 5 whose terms expire in 1956, will hold office until the 1st Monday in January of 1958. In the election held December 1957, one school committeeman from each of wards 2 and 5 shall be elected to serve until the 1st Monday in January of 1960, and one school committeeman at large and one each from wards 3 and 4 to serve 4 years. Thereafter, on alternate biennial elections one school committeeman at large and one each from wards 1, 2 and 5; and one at large and one each from wards 3 and 4 shall be elected to hold office for 4 years from the 1st Monday in January and until their successors have been elected and qualified. All school committeemen shall be elected from a plurality of the votes given.'

Sec. 3. P. & S. L., 1907, c. 257, § 5, amended. The 1st sentence of section 5 of chapter 257 of the private and special laws of 1907 is hereby amended to read as follows: