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result of the vote with the Secretary of State; but only if the total number of votes for and against the acceptance of this act at said meeting equaled or exceeded 20% of the number of names on the list of voters of said Paris Village Corporation.

The result of the vote shall be declared by the assessors of the corporation and a certificate thereof shall be filed by the clerk of the corporation with the Secretary of State.

Effective April 11, 1955

Chapter 111

AN ACT to Increase the Borrowing Capacity of Community School District Number One in Fort Kent, Maine.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the Community School District Number One in Fort Kent, Maine, was organized and formed under the provisions of Chapter 357 of the Public Laws of 1947, as amended, to provide for the proper secondary education of the children of the towns of Eagle Lake and Fort Kent and the plantations of New Canada, St. Francis, St. John and Wallagrass; and

Whereas, the said Community School District Number One provides the sole secondary school facilities for the said towns and plantations plus the adjacent plantations and unorganized territories, an area the aggregate population of which, as listed in the 1950 census, was 12,172; and

Whereas, the enrollment in this secondary school has increased from 225 pupils in 1944 to 547 pupils in 1954; and

Whereas, the present enrollment in the elementary schools of this area indicates a continued and substantial increase in the high school enrollment in the immediate future; and

Whereas, the present facilities are so inadequate that the said Community School District Number One has found it necessary during the past 4 years to accommodate its student body on a 2-session basis, the same being inefficient, unsatisfactory, expensive and detrimental to the over-all education results obtained in said Community School District Number One; and

Whereas, the said Community School District Number One is faced with the necessity of constructing a new facility to accommodate its present student enrollment and provide for the expected increase in enrollment; and

Whereas, the limit of indebtedness of said Community School District Number One is that limit of indebtedness established under Section 92-A of Chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes of 1944, as amended, or 5% of the total of the last preceding valuation of all the participating towns, whichever is the lesser; and

Whereas, said Community School District Number One cannot obtain sufficient funds by borrowing under its present indebtedness limitations to construct the minimum needed facilities; 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:

Community School District Number One in Fort Kent, Maine; power to borrow money. To procure funds for authorized purposes of the district, the trustees of said Community School District Number One in Fort Kent, Maine are hereby authorized to issue bonds and notes of the district, not to exceed in the aggregate at any one time outstanding, exclusive of refundings, the limit of indebtedness of said district as established under section 92-A of chapter 37 of the revised statutes of 1944, as amended, or $7\frac{1}{2}\%$ of the total of the last preceding State valuation of all the participating towns and plantations, whichever is the lesser. Each bond or note shall have inscribed upon its face the words: "Community School District Number One in Fort Kent, Maine," and shall be dated at such time or times, shall be in such denomination, shall bear such rate of interest, not exceeding 5% per annum, payable semiannually, be in such form, subject to the provisions of sections 92-A to 92-K, inclusive, of chapter 37 of the revised statutes of 1944, as amended, and be sold in such manner, at public or private sale as the trustees shall determine. Each issue of said bonds shall mature in substantially equal annual installments, so that the first installment shall be payable not later than 2 years after the date of issue and the last installment not later than 25 years from the date thereof; provided, however, that if the proceeds of an issue of bonds are used in whole or in part to fund temporary notes of the district or renewals thereof, the period during which such issue of bonds shall be outstanding, plus the period of the loan represented by such temporary notes or renewals thereof, shall not exceed 25 years. All notes or bonds issued by said district shall be signed by the treasurer and countersigned by the chairman of said district, and if coupon bonds be issued, each coupon shall be attested by a facsimile signature of the treasurer printed thereon. Notes issued by the district shall mature not later than 1 year from their date but may be renewed from time to time, provided that the period of the original note plus that of renewals thereof shall not exceed 2 years. Said notes and bonds shall be legal obligations of said district, which is hereby declared to be a quasi-municipal corporation within the meaning of section 136 of chapter 53 of the revised statutes of 1954, and all the provisions of said section shall be applicable thereto.

Emergency clause; effective date; referendum. 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 several towns and plantations embraced within the limits of said district, present and voting at a regular election or one especially called and held for the purpose in each respective town or plantation, by the municipal officers of the towns of Eagle Lake and Fort Kent, and the plantations of New Canada, St. Francis, St. John and Wallagrass, at the regular voting places in said towns and plantations; the date of holding said elections to be determined by the municipal officers of each respective town or plantation, but in no case shall it be more than 30 days after this act shall become effective. Each regular or special election shall be called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections; provided, however, that the municipal officers in the respective towns and plantations shall not be required to prepare for posting, nor the clerks to post, a new list of voters, and for the purpose of registration of voters, said municipal officers shall be in session in their respective towns and plantations one hour preceding such elections. The clerk in each respective town and plantation shall reduce the subject matter of this act to the following question: "Shall 'An Act to Increase the Borrowing Capacity of Community School District Number One

in Fort Kent, Maine,' passed by the 97th Legislature, be accepted?" and the voters shall indicate by secret ballot by the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same. This act shall take effect immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters in at least 5 of the said towns and plantations.

The results in said towns and plantations shall be declared by the municipal officers of the towns of Eagle Lake and Fort Kent and of the plantations of New Canada, St. Francis, St. John and Wallagrass and returns filed with the Secretary of State.

Effective April 11, 1955

Chapter 112

AN ACT Setting Off Part of Berwick to South Berwick, York County.

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

Sec. 1. Part of Berwick transferred. The following portion of the town of Berwick, in the county of York, is hereby transferred to the town of South Berwick in said county.

The part of the town of Berwick hereby transferred is described as follows: Beginning at a point where Route 103 crosses the Boston and Maine Railroad; thence running in an easterly direction along the southerly line of the railroad tracks 2,908 feet; thence running southerly 1,817 feet to State Highway No. 4; thence running westerly 1,752 feet to an iron stake; thence running northerly 2,285 feet to the point of beginning.

Sec. 2. Transfer of property, etc. Immediately after this act becomes fully effective, all the real and personal property, together with all accounts receivable, choses in action, and all other rights and benefits of the town of Berwick in connection with the property described in section 1 shall be conveyed, transferred, assigned, delivered and paid over to the town of South Berwick and said town of South Berwick shall assume and carry on all the functions of the town of Berwick in connection therewith and is hereby authorized and empowered to raise funds by loan, or taxation, or both, from time to time, as found necessary, to carry on said functions and to defray the indebtedness thereof, if any.

It shall be the duty of the selectmen of the town of Berwick, at the time this act becomes fully effective, to execute and deliver in behalf of said town, suitable and appropriate conveyances of all of said property, real and personal, of said town of Berwick to the town of South Berwick, and thereafter all valid contracts of the town of Berwick in connection therewith shall be assumed and executed by the town of South Berwick.

Effective August 20, 1955