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the duties, management, care and maintenance of the properties of said district shall revert to the superintending school committee of the town of Benton or such other board as may, at that time, have jurisdiction over similar school property, and then the president and treasurer of said district shall cause to be executed, signed and delivered, a good and sufficient deed of all property of said district to the town of Benton. All money, if any, remaining in the treasury of the board of trustees at the time it ceases to function, shall be given to the town treasurer of the town of Benton. This money shall be used only for school purposes and shall be kept separate from all other money until authorized by the selectmen of Benton to be expended for one or more of the purposes hereinbefore stated.

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 Benton at any regular or special meeting called and held for the purpose not later than 8 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 selectmen of the town of Benton 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 the 3 secular days next preceding such meeting. The subject matter of this act shall be reduced to the following question: "Shall the act to Incorporate the Benton School District, passed by the 97th Legislature, be accepted?" and the voters shall indicate in the usual manner 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 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 Benton and due certificate thereof shall be filed by the clerk of said town with the Secretary of State.

Effective April 29, 1955

Chapter 169

AN ACT Creating a Commission to Survey Proposal for Portland-South Portland Bridge.

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

Sec. 1. Survey Commission created. A Commission is hereby created which shall consist of the county commissioners of Cumberland county, the members of the State Highway Commission, 2 representatives from the city of Portland selected by the city council, 2 representatives from the city of South Portland selected by the city council, and one representative from the Portland Terminal Company selected by its board of directors. The members shall serve until the functions of the Commission shall be terminated by the Legislature. Any vacancies caused by death, resignation or removal shall be filled by the organization from which the vacancy occurred. The Commission shall select one of its members as chairman and shall elect a secretary who need not be a member of

the Commission. The members shall serve without pay but may be compensated for out-of-pocket expenditures incurred in the performance of their official duties.

Sec. 2. Duties of the Commission. The Commission is hereby empowered and directed to make surveys and studies concerning the present condition of a bridge across Fore River between the cities of Portland and South Portland known as "Portland Bridge" to determine whether or not the present structure is in sufficiently good condition to warrant repairs and retention for a considerable period of time as a traffic artery between these two cities. The Commission is also directed to obtain from the Chief of Engineers, U. S. Corps of Engineers, and the Secretary of the Army, the minimum navigational clearances which the present river traffic requires. Some estimate should also be made as to what changes in river traffic can be anticipated in future years which might require larger navigational clearances than are immediately necessary. The Commission shall further study all possible methods of financing any reconstruction, repairs or other necessary work on the present bridge and shall also make or have made such traffic surveys as may be necessary to properly develop the traffic distribution on each end of the bridge itself.

Sec. 3. Authorized to provide technical assistance. The Highway Commission is hereby authorized to provide such architects, engineers, technical assistants and clerical help as may be necessary for the purpose of the survey, studies and report.

Sec. 4. Report by the Commission. The Commission is hereby directed to recommend such immediate repairs, reconstruction and additions to the present bridge or its navigational approaches as, in its opinion, seem necessary for the safety of both highway and river traffic. These recommendations shall be made as soon as possible to those having present authority over the bridge and its operation and to any other municipalities or organizations which may have an interest in this matter. The Commission shall make a full and complete report of its studies, recommendations, etc., in such form as it deems appropriate, to the next session of the Legislature, whether general or special, together with any further recommendations for action by the Legislature and any other organization in that the bridge structure and its approaches be placed in the best possible condition consistent with the economics of the general situation.

Sec. 5. Allocation of expenses of the survey. The State Highway Commission, the county of Cumberland, the city of Portland and the city of South Portland shall share equally the expenses incurred for the survey herein authorized.

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 170

AN ACT Relating to Legal Obligations of the Town of Eddington School District.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the Town of Eddington School District has been incorporated by the provisions of Chapter 32 of the Private and Special Laws of 1955; and

Whereas, it is vitally necessary in order to finance the School District that the notes and bonds of the District shall be legal obligations of said District; and