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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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Sec. 1. Ferry service for North Haven, Vinalhaven, Islesboro, Swan's Island and Long Island Plantation. It shall be the duty of the Maine Port Authority to operate a ferry line or lines between the mainland and the Towns of North Haven, Vinalhaven, Islesboro and Swan's Island for the purpose of transporting vehicles, freight and passengers to and from said towns, and the Maine Port Authority may operate such ferry line or lines to and from Long Island Plantation.

Referendum for ratification. The aldermen of cities, the selectmen of towns and the assessors of the several plantations of this State are empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet in the manner prescribed by law for calling and holding biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the election of Senators and Representatives at the next general or special state-wide election, to give in their votes upon the acceptance or rejection of the foregoing act, and the question shall be:

"Shall 'An Act Permitting Ferry Service for Long Island Plantation,' passed by the 99th Legislature, be accepted?"

The inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations shall vote by ballot on said question and shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed against the words "Yes" and "No" their opinion of the same. The ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings, and return made to the office of the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for Governor and Members of the Legislature, and the Governor and Council shall count the same, and if it shall appear that a majority of the inhabitants voting on the question are in favor of the act, the Governor shall forthwith make known the fact by his proclamation, and the act shall become effective in 30 days after the date of said proclamation.

Secretary of State shall prepare ballots. The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to the several cities, towns and plantations ballots and blank returns in conformity with the foregoing act, accompanied by a copy thereof.

Effective September 12, 1959

Chapter 126

AN ACT to Authorize the Construction of a Bridge Across the Passagassawaukeag River.

Preamble. Two-thirds of both houses of the Legislature deeming it necessary in accordance with Section 14 of Article IX of the Constitution of Maine:

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

Sec. 1. State Highway Commission authorized to construct bridge. The State Highway Commission is authorized to construct a bridge across the Passagassawaukeag River in the City of Belfast, in the County of Waldo, with highway approaches thereto, at an estimated cost of \$3,900,000. The cost of said bridge, with the highway approaches thereto, shall be taken and appropriated from the proceeds of bonds issued under authority of this act.

Sec. 2. Treasurer of State to issue bonds. The Treasurer of State is authorized, under the direction of the Governor and Council, to issue from time to

time serial coupon bonds in the name and behalf of the State to an amount not exceeding \$3,900,000 for the purpose of raising funds for the construction of said bridge and approaches, as provided in this act. Said bonds shall be deemed a pledge of the faith and credit of the State.

Sec. 3. Records of bonds issued to be kept by State Auditor and Treasurer of State. The State Auditor shall keep an account of such bonds, showing the number and amount of each, the date of countersigning, the date when payable and the date of delivery thereof to the Treasurer of State, who shall keep an account of each bond, showing the number thereof, the name of the person to whom sold, the amount received for the same, the date of sale and the date when payable.

Sec. 4. Sale, how negotiated; proceeds appropriated. The Treasurer of State may negotiate the sale of such bonds by direction of the Governor and Council; but no such bond shall be loaned, pledged or hypothecated in behalf of the State. The proceeds of the sales of such bonds, which shall be held by the Treasurer of State and paid by him upon warrants drawn by the Governor and Council, are appropriated to be used solely for the purposes set forth in this act. Any balance unexpended shall not lapse, but shall be carried forward to the same account to be used only for the purposes herein set forth.

Sec. 5. Proceeds of bonds not available for other purposes; must be kept separate from other funds. The proceeds of all bonds issued under authority of this act shall at all times be kept distinct from all other moneys of the State and shall not be drawn upon or be available for any other purpose.

Sec. 6. Interest and debt retirement. Interest due or accruing upon any bonds issued under this act and all sums coming due for payment of bonds at maturity shall be paid by the Treasurer of State.

Sec. 7. Disbursement of bond proceeds. The proceeds of such bonds shall be expended under the direction and supervision of the State Highway Commission.

Sec. 8. Contingent upon ratification of bond issue. No action shall be taken or liability incurred under this act unless and until the people of Maine shall have ratified the issuance of bonds in behalf of the State at such times and in such amounts as set forth in this act for the purpose of building a bridge across the Passagassawaukeag River at Belfast.

Sec. 9. Use of old bridge. When the construction of the bridge authorized by this act has been completed, the State Highway Commission shall close the old bridge to all but pedestrian traffic and cause such reconstruction of said bridge as may be necessary to adapt the bridge for this purpose only.

Thereafter, the bridge shall be maintained by the City of Belfast.

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'An Act to Authorize the Construction of a Bridge Across the Passagassawaukeag River at Belfast,' passed by the 99th Legislature?'"

The inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed within a square upon their ballots their opinion of the same, those in favor of said ratification voting "Yes" and those opposed to said ratification voting "No" and the ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings, and return made to the office of the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for Governor and Members of the Legislature, and the Governor and Council shall count the same and if it shall appear that a majority of the inhabitants voting on the question are in favor of the act, the Governor shall forthwith make known the fact by his proclamation, and the act shall become effective in 30 days after the date of said proclamation.

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Effective September 12, 1959

Chapter 127

AN ACT Increasing Borrowing Capacity of Ashland Water and Sewer District.

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

P. & S. L., 1947, c. 78, § 8, amended. The first sentence of section 8 of chapter 78 of the private and special laws of 1947, as amended by chapter 69 of the private and special laws of 1949, is further amended to read as follows:

'For accomplishing the purposes of this act, said water district, through its trustees, is authorized to borrow money temporarily, and to issue therefor the interest bearing negotiable notes of the district, and for the purpose of refunding the indebtedness so created, of paying any necessary expenses and liabilities incurred under the provisions of this act, including the expenses incurred in the creation of the district, of securing sources of supply, taking water and land, paying damages, laying pipes, constructing, maintaining and operating a water plant and sewerage and drainage system and making extensions, additions and improvements to the same, the said district, through its trustees, may from time to time issue bonds of the district to an amount not exceeding ~~\$170,000~~ \$350,000.'

Effective September 12, 1959

Chapter 128

AN ACT Amending the Charter of the Topsham Sewer District.

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

P. & S. L., 1957, c. 128, § 12, additional. Chapter 128 of the private and special laws of 1957, as amended by chapter 220 of the private and special laws of 1957, is further amended by adding a new section 12, to read as follows: