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CHAPTER 90

H.P. 1462 - L.D. 2059

AN ACT to Validate Proceedings Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds for a Cooperative Extension Service Facility in Waldo County.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, H.P. 283, L.D. 353 presented to the 112th Legislature was submitted for the purpose of obtaining authority for Waldo County to issue bonds for the construction of a building to house the county extension services; and

Whereas, Section 1 of L.D. 353 authorized the county commissioners of Waldo County to raise and expend a sum not exceeding \$80,000 for that purpose and section 3 of L.D. 353 authorized the Treasurer of Waldo County, with the approval of the county commissioners, to borrow the sum and to issue self-liquidating bonds therefor; and

Whereas, Section 5 of L.D. 353 stated that the Act should take effect when approved only for the purpose of submission to the legal voters of Waldo County and further provided that the ballots for use in the referendum should carry the following language:

"Shall the County Commissioners of Waldo County be authorized to issue bonds in the amount not to exceed \$80,000 for the construction of a countyowned facility to house the Cooperative Extension Service in Waldo County?"; and

Whereas, L.D. 353 as finally enacted as Private and Special Law 1985, chapter 15 conferred identical authority to issue bonds, but section 5 of chapter 15 made changes in the language to be used on the ballots and further required the disclosure of certain information relating to debt service for the issue as follows:

"The County Commissioners shall cause the preparation of the required ballots on which they shall state the subject matter of this Act in the following question, with the accompanying statement concerning estimated debt service: 'Do you favor a \$80,000 bond issue to construct a county-owned building to house the County Extension Services?'

The Total estimated debt service for this issue is \$107,500 of which principal is \$80,000 and the estimated interest is \$27,500 at an average rate of 7.28% over 8 years. Waldo County currently has no bond indebtedness."; and

Whereas, warrants and ballots with the language required by L.D. 353 in its original form were used in the general election in Waldo County held on November 5, 1985, and the specific language and information relating to debt service required by Private and Special Law 1985, chapter 15 was not included on the warrants and ballots; and

Whereas, the voters of Waldo County approved the Act with 2,978 votes in favor and 2,265 votes opposed, but by the use of ballots which contained the language of the original L.D. 353 instead of the language required by Private and Special Law 1985, chapter 15 as finally enacted and which omitted the required information relating to debt service; and

Whereas, as required by L.D. 353 both in its original form and as finally enacted by Private and Special Law 1985, chapter 15, the total votes cast for or against acceptance of the Act exceeded 30% of the total votes for all candidates for Governor cast in the last previous gubernatorial election in the county; and

Whereas, Waldo County, acting through its commissioners, proposes to construct the building to house the county extension services and must award contracts in the immediate future for engineering and construction and proposes to apply to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank for the purchase by the bond bank of not in excess of \$80,000 principal amount of bonds to be issued by Waldo County, the proceeds to be used ; and

Whereas, in view of the fact that the wording on the ballot was not in the precise form as required by Private and Special Law 1985, chapter 15 as finally enacted and that the ballots did not contain the information relating to debt service and indebtedness required by Private and Special Law 1985, chapter 15, it will be impossible to obtain necessary legal approval for the issue of bonds for the construction of a county-owned building to house the county extension services; and Whereas, the construction of a county-owned building to house the county extension services is essential to the efficient operation and administration of the county extension; 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:

Sec. 1. Referendum vote validated. The majority vote of the voters of Waldo County at the referendum election held November 5, 1985, approving the issuance of bonds for the construction of a county-owned building to house the county extension services in an amount up to \$80,000 is declared to have resulted from an election conducted in accordance with the requirements of L.D. 353 in the form finally enacted as Private and Special Law 1985, chapter 15.

Sec. 2. Authorization. Waldo County, acting through its county commissioners, is hereby authorized to issue and sell its bonds in a principal amount not exceeding \$80,000 pursuant to Private and Special Law 1985, chapter 15, without the necessity of further proceedings by the voters of Waldo County. The proceedings taken at the election held November 5, 1985, wherein a majority of those voting at the election authorized the county commissioners of Waldo County to issue bonds in an amount not exceeding \$80,000 and all actions relating to the construction of a county-owned building to house the county extension services taken by the county commissioners, officers and agents of Waldo County pursuant to the authority thereby granted are confirmed, validated and made effective.

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

Effective March 10, 1986.