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the towns of Cumberland, Falmouth and Windham prior to the effective date of this Act and serving on the effective date of this Act continue to serve until their successors are elected and take office in accordance with this Act.

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

Effective May 25, 2001.

CHAPTER 26

H.P. 1343 - L.D. 1798

An Act to Amend the Charter of the Buckfield Village Corporation

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

Whereas, the requirements in the charter of the Buckfield Village Corporation that all officers of the corporation be elected at an annual election have made it difficult to fill offices such as clerk, treasurer and collector, and foreclose the ability of the voters of the corporation to give the assessors the ability to appoint persons to these offices, including persons who are not residents of the corporation; 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. P&SL 1887, c. 58, §7 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

Sec. 7. The assessors must be chosen by ballot at the annual election in the month of March. All other officers of the corporation must be chosen in the same manner unless the legal voters of the corporation vote at a meeting held at least 90 days before the annual election to make an office appointed by the assessors. If the corporation votes to make an office appointed by the assessors, the person appointed by the assessors is not required to be a resident of the corporation.

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

Effective May 31, 2001.

CHAPTER 27

H.P. 565 - L.D. 720

An Act to Increase the Bonding Limit of the Trustees of the City of Brewer High School District from \$2,500,000 to \$5,000,000

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

Sec. 1. P&SL 1925, c. 4, §5, first sentence, as amended by P&SL 1973, c. 47, is further amended to read:

To procure funds for the purposes of this Act and such other expenses as may be necessary to the carrying out of said purposes, the said district, by its trustees, is hereby authorized to issue notes and bonds, but shall not incur a total indebtedness exceeding the sum of ~~\$2,500,000~~ \$5,000,000 at any one time outstanding.

Sec. 2. Referendum; effective date. This Act takes effect only if the trustees of the City of Brewer High School District submit this Act to the legal voters of the City of Brewer no later than December 31, 2001 and only if the majority of the voters approve this Act as provided in this section. The election must be called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections, except that the board of registration in the City of Brewer is not required to prepare for posting, nor is the city clerk required to post, a new list of voters. For the purpose of registration of voters, the board of registration must be in session the 3 secular days next preceding the election, the first 2 days to be devoted to the registration of voters and the last day to enable the board to verify the corrections of the lists of voters and to complete and close up their records of these sessions.

The city clerk shall prepare the required ballots and shall reduce the subject matter of this Act to the following question:

"Do you favor increasing the debt limit of the City of Brewer High School District from \$2,500,000 to \$5,000,000?"

The voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed against the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same.

This Act takes effect immediately upon its approval by a majority vote of the legal voters voting at the election, provided the total number of votes cast for and against the approval of this Act at the election equals or exceeds 20% of the total vote for all candidates for Governor in the city at the most recent gubernatorial election.