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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-149)
109TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "3" to H.P. 223, L.D. 271, Bill, "AN ACT to Increase the Surplus Account of the Kennebec Sanitary Treatment District."

Amend the bill in the title by inserting at the end, before the period, the following: 'and to Require that any Changes in District the Charter be Submitted to Referendum'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the beginning of the first line after the enacting clause the following: 'Sec. 1.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end, before the statement of fact, the following:

'Sec. 2. P&SL 1971, c. 45, §19-A is enacted to read:

Sec. 19-A. Ratification by municipalities of changes in Act.
Following the effective date of this section, no amendment to,
repeal of, additions to or deletion from this Act shall become
effective until accepted by all municipalities participating in the
district by vote of the city council or town council or board of selectmen
municipality or the legal voters of the town voting if no city
council or town council exists, at regular or special
meetings called and held for the purpose in each of the municipalities.
Such meetings shall be called, advertised and conducted according
to the law relating to municipal elections; provided that the
municipal officers shall not be required to prepare or post new
lists of voters.

Sec. 3. Effective date; referendum; certificate to Secretary of State. This Act shall be submitted to the town or board of selectmen council or city council/of the municipalities participating in the Kennebec Sanitary Treatment District or, if no town council or city council/exists, the legal voters of each municipality participating in the Kennebec Sanitary Treatment District at regular or special meetings called and held for the purpose. Such town meetings shall be called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections; provided that the municipal officers shall not be required to prepare or to post new lists of voters.

The municipal clerks shall reduce the subject matter of this Act to the following question: Shall the surplus account of the Kennebec Sanitary Treatment District be increased and shall any changes in the district's charter be required to be submitted to referendum? The voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed against the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same.

This Act shall take effect for all the purposes hereof immediately upon acceptance by all municipalities within the district; but only if the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this Act at each of said town meetings so accepting equaled or exceeded 15% of the total votes for all candidates for Governor cast in said towns or cities at the next gubernatorial election,

except that if acceptance of this Act occurs sooner than 90 days following adjournment of the first regular Session of the 109th Legislature, this Act shall take effect 90 days following such adjournment. The result of the vote shall be declared by the municipal officers of the towns or cities and due certificate thereof shall be filed by the town or city clerks with the Secretary of State.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to require that all changes to the charter of the district be submitted to city council, town council or board of selectmen or to referendum before they become effective.