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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS
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emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved, only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the City of Eastport, voting at a regular or special election called and held for the purpose within 10 months after the approval of this Act. The election shall be called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections; provided, however, that the registrar of voters of the city shall not be required to prepare for posting, nor the city clerk to post, a new list of voters, and for the purpose of registration of voters the registrar shall be in session the 3 secular days next preceding the election, the first 2 days thereof to be devoted to registration of voters and the last day to enable the registrar to verify the correction of the lists and to complete and close up his records of the sessions. The city clerk shall reduce the subject matter of this Act to the following question:

“Shall ‘An Act to Create the Eastport Port Authority,’ as passed by the 108th first regular session of the Legislature, be accepted?”

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

Upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters voting at the election, this Act shall take effect for all the purposes hereof; provided that the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this Act at the meeting equaled or exceeded 20% of the total number of votes cast for Governor in the city at the last gubernatorial election. Another election may be held, if the total number of votes cast in the first election does not equal or exceed 20%.

This Act shall take effect for all the purposes hereof immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters voting at the election. The result of the election shall be declared by the municipal officers of the City of Eastport and due certificate filed by the city clerk with the Secretary of State. Upon its taking effect, the city council of Eastport shall appoint the 4 elected directors, who shall hold the office until directors are elected at the next election as provided in section 1 of this Act.

Effective March 31, 1977

CHAPTER 15

AN ACT to Amend the Charter of the Freeport Sewer District.

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

Whereas, the construction of the sewerage system serving the Freeport Sewer District is nearing completion and the permanent financing is being arranged; and

Whereas, the present financing provisions of the district's charter may

require sinking fund payments for all of the district's outstanding indebtedness and the proposed permanent financing may be done on a direct reduction basis; and

Whereas, the rates to be charged to the users of the district may become onerous if such rates provided for both principal reduction and sinking fund payment; 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 1947, c. 60, § 18, 1st ¶ is amended to read:

In case any of said bonds are made to run for a period of years, a sinking fund shall be established by the trustees of said district, for the purpose of redeeming said term bonds when they become due, and not less than ~~3%~~ 1% nor more than 5% of the aggregate principal of the outstanding sinking fund bonds issued on account of or in behalf of said sewerage district, as aforesaid, shall be turned into said sinking fund each year, to provide for the final extinguishment of said district funded debt. In lieu of such sinking fund, the trustees may issue bonds of the district for a term of years so that the average annual principal reduction during such term is not less than 1% nor more than 5% of such bonds.

Sec. 2. P & SL 1947, c. 60, § 19, sub-§ IV, as last amended by P & SL 1973, c. 69, § 9, is further amended by adding at the end the following new sentence:

Such payments to the sinking fund need not be made for any issue of indebtedness in which the average annual principal reduction during the term thereof exceeds 1% of such indebtedness.

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

Effective April 4, 1977

CHAPTER 16

AN ACT to Remove Service Facilities from Tax Exemption Granted to the Maine Turnpike Authority.

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

P & SL 1941, c. 69, § 9 is amended to read: