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requirements of college status as determined by the State Department of Educational and Cultural Services may use the title "~~Glen Cove Bible College~~" "**New England Baptist Bible College**" in reference to its 4-year college curriculum.

Sec. 2. Degrees. The ~~Glen Cove Bible College~~ **New England Baptist Bible College** by appropriate action of its board of directors may confer upon all who shall satisfactorily complete such courses within the scope customarily established by colleges offering a 4-year curriculum in biblical education, the baccalaureate degree in religious education (B. R. E.).

Effective July 3, 1980

CHAPTER 70

S. P. 657 — L. D. 1696

AN ACT to Amend the Charter of the Lewiston-Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority.

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

Whereas, the Lewiston-Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority is in the process of operating and financing public sewage treatment facilities for the cities of Lewiston and Auburn; and

Whereas, the voters of Lewiston have recently adopted a new municipal charter; and

Whereas, the Lewiston Board of Public Works will no longer exist after January 7, 1980; and

Whereas, municipal policy direction shall not, after January 7, 1980, be vested in the Controller of the City of Lewiston; and

Whereas, these inconsistencies may inhibit the effective management of the authority and also create doubt as to whether the Maine Municipal Bond Bank may purchase bonds of the authority; and

Whereas, financial hardship of the authority may arise unless its status is clarified; 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 P&SL 1967, c. 92, § 14, first 2 ¶ ¶, as repealed and replaced by P&SL 1975, c. 50, § 2, are amended to read:

The authority shall be under the management and direction of a board of directors, which shall be known as the Lewiston-Auburn Water Pollution Control Board, also referred to herein as "the board" or "the board of the authority." The board shall consist of 7 members. The director of the Lewiston Department of Public Works, the ~~Controller~~ **City Administrator** of the City of Lewiston, the superintendent and the president of the Auburn Sewerage District and the Manager of the City of Auburn shall be members of the board by virtue of their respective offices and in the event of the termination of their respective offices they shall continue as members of the board of the authority until their replacements are elected or appointed. If the president of the Auburn Sewerage District Trustees should decline to serve or should resign as a member of the board of the authority, he shall select another trustee to replace him for the remainder of his term. Notice of such appointment shall be given in writing by the clerk of the Auburn Sewerage District to the board of the authority. ~~The members of the Lewiston board of public works shall elect one of their number~~ **Mayor of Lewiston shall appoint, subject to confirmation of the city council, a qualified voter of the City of Lewiston** to serve for a 2-year term on the board of the authority and thereafter until his successor takes office. In the event that either the ~~member of the board~~ **Lewiston resident** so selected or the appointee of the president of the Auburn Sewerage District should cease to be a resident of his respective city, or should die, become incapacitated, or otherwise cease to be a member of ~~the Lewiston board of public works or the Auburn Sewerage District Trustees, or if the president of the Auburn Sewerage District should die or become incapacitated while serving on the board of the authority, a successor shall be elected to serve out the remainder of his term by the Lewiston board of public works~~ **Mayor and City Council of Lewiston** or the Auburn Sewerage District Trustees, as the case may be.

Reasonable notice of the date of the meeting and of the necessity of electing a new member of the board of the authority, who may be the incumbent, shall be given to the ~~board of public works~~ **mayor of Lewiston** by the secretary or clerk of the authority.

Sec. 2. P&SL 1967, c. 92, § 15, first ¶ is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

The board shall appoint and determine the compensation of an engineer-director who shall be the administrative officer and direct the engineering work of the authority. The board shall also have the power to remove the engineer-director at its pleasure. The engineer-director shall be skilled in sanitary engineering

practice and registered under the Maine Revised Statutes of 1964, Title 32, chapter 19, provided that any person may be appointed acting engineer-director and serve as such for a period of up to one year. In its discretion, the board may reappoint the acting engineer-director for additional one-year terms.

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

Effective February 21, 1980

CHAPTER 71

H. P. 1596 — L. D. 1707

AN ACT to Amend the Charter of the Harrison Water District.

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

P&SL 1969, c. 91, § 14-A is enacted to read:

14-A. Collection of unpaid rates. A lien is created on real estate served or benefited by the water system of the district, to secure payment of the rates and charges established and due under section 14, which shall take precedence over all other claims on that real estate, except claims for taxes.

The treasurer of the district is authorized to collect the rates established and due under section 14 and they shall be committed to him. After demand for payment, the treasurer may sue, in the name of the district, for any rate or other charge remaining unpaid by filing a civil action in any court of competent jurisdiction.

In addition to other methods established by law for the collection of rates and other charges, and without waiver of the right to sue, a lien may be enforced in the following manner. When a rate or other charge is committed to him for collection, after the expiration of 3 months and within one year after the date it is due and payable, the treasurer may give or cause to be given a notice in writing, signed by him. The notice shall state the amount of the rate or other charge, describe the real estate upon which the lien is claimed and state that a lien is claimed on that real estate to secure payment of the rate or other charge. In the case of a person residing in the district, the notice shall be served personally or left at the person's last and usual place of abode and shall demand payment within 30 days after service. In the case of a nonresident of the district, the notice shall be given by registered or certified mail, addressed to his last known address or by publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the district, once a week for 2