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2026

186. Thence S 32°11'08" E along the thread of the inlet, a distance of 15.00 feet;
187. Thence S 67°39'20" E along the thread of the inlet, a distance of 32.80 feet;
188. Thence S 48°23'42" E along the thread of the inlet, a distance of 17.39 feet;
189. Thence S 09°21'43" E along the thread of the inlet, a distance of 24.62 feet;
190. Thence S 15°39'27" W along the thread of the inlet, a distance of 22.16 feet;
191. Thence S 27°20'38" E along the thread of the inlet, a distance of 12.19 feet;
192. Thence S 53°51'03" E along the thread of the inlet, a distance of 24.13 feet;
193. Thence S 05°01'23" W along the thread of the inlet, a distance of 20.53 feet;
194. Thence S 21°40'02" W along the thread of the inlet, a distance of 36.37 feet;
195. Thence S 10°35'30" E along the thread of the inlet, a distance of 16.14 feet;
196. Thence S 27°36'22" E along the thread of the inlet, a distance of 40.96 feet;
197. Thence S 26°25'32" W along the thread of the inlet, a distance of 63.00 feet;
198. Thence S 46°58'05" E along the thread of the inlet, a distance of 26.00 feet to a point near the westerly sideline of State Route 103;
199. Thence S 51°32'12" E along the thread of the inlet being through and along the center of the box culvert for the bridge crossing, a distance of 49.50 feet to the easterly sideline of State Route 103;
200. Thence S 53°01'20" E, a distance of 103.88 feet;
201. Thence S 15°07'16" E, a distance of 155.96 feet;
202. Thence S 04°05'23" W, a distance of 155.57 feet;
203. Thence S 47°19'48" W, a distance of 89.31 feet;
204. Thence S 33°20'00" E, a distance of 210.38 feet;
205. Thence S 14°14'24" E, a distance of 135.32 feet;
206. Thence S 73°56'47" E, a distance of 231.60 feet;
207. Thence S 32°07'57" E, a distance of 192.66 feet;

208. Thence S 02°34'01" E, a distance of 188.47 feet;
209. Thence S 56°43'17" E, a distance of 291.98 feet;
210. Thence S 27°20'08" E, a distance of 412.60 feet;
211. Thence S 62°09'02" E, a distance of 583.68 feet;
212. Thence S 13°48'35" E, a distance of 560.00 feet;
213. Thence S 65°22'42" E, a distance of 675.96 feet;
214. Thence S 19°27'31" E, a distance of 174.71 feet;
215. Thence S 25°52'02" W, a distance of 733.83 feet;
216. Thence S 14°56'46" E, a distance of 263.27 feet;
217. Thence S 61°39'04" E, a distance of 1,574.30 feet;
218. Thence N 83°43'26" E, a distance of 1,145.45 feet;
219. Thence S 63°56'51" E to the Atlantic Ocean.

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

Effective April 3, 2026.

CHAPTER 17

H.P. 1510 - L.D. 2234

An Act to Increase the Debt Limit of the Vinalhaven Water District

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

Whereas, a new water main is needed to allow the Vinalhaven Water District to protect the health of residents served by the district; and

Whereas, other improvements in the water system are urgently needed to bring the district into compliance with state standards; and

Whereas, the needed funds to complete these projects would exceed the current borrowing capacity of the district; and

Whereas, the district needs an immediate increase in its borrowing authority in order to timely schedule the needed improvements; 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 1977, c. 99, §12, as repealed and replaced by P&SL 2001, c. 21, §5, is amended to read:

Sec. 12. Debt limit. For accomplishing the purposes of this Act, and for any other expenses that may be necessary for the carrying out of those purposes, the district, through its trustees, is authorized to borrow money temporarily and to issue for the money its negotiable notes; and for the purpose of renewing and refunding the indebtedness created, of paying any necessary expenses and liabilities incurred under the provisions of this Act, including organizational and other necessary expenses and liabilities, whether incurred by the district or the municipality, the district being authorized to reimburse the municipality for any such expenses incurred by it, and in acquiring properties, paying damages, laying pipes, mains, aqueducts and conduits, constructing, maintaining and operating a water plant or system and making renewals, additions, extensions and improvements to the same, and to cover interest payments during the period of construction, the district, through its trustees, is also authorized to issue, from time to time, bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness of the district in one series or in separate series and to make subsequent renewals of the bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness, the amount or amounts, not exceeding the sum of \$1,500,000 \$4,000,000 outstanding at any one time, bearing interest at such rate or rates, and having such terms and provisions as the trustees determine; except that, in the case of a vote by the trustees to authorize bonds or notes to pay for the acquisition of property, for the cost of a water system or part of a water system, for renewal or additions or for other improvements in the nature of capital costs, the estimated cost of which, singly or in the aggregate included in any one financing is \$30,000 or more, or for renewing or refunding existing indebtedness, notice of the proposed debt and of the general purpose or purposes for which it was authorized must be given by the clerk by publication at least once in a newspaper having a general circulation in the Town of Vinalhaven.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the district, through its trustees, may issue bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness in amounts exceeding \$1,500,000 \$4,000,000 at any one time if a greater debt limit is established by referendum in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A,

section 6413. The district may not have outstanding at any one time bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness in amounts exceeding any debt limit established by referendum in accordance with Title 35-A, section 6413.

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

Effective April 3, 2026.

CHAPTER 18

H.P. 1426 - L.D. 2111

An Act to Amend the Charter of the Boothbay-Boothbay Harbor Community School District

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

Sec. 1. P&SL 1953, c. 156, §3, as repealed and replaced by P&SL 2023, c. 12, §1, is amended to read:

Sec. 3. Board of trustees; district school committee. Except as provided by this Act, the board of trustees and district school committee have the duties and authority pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 105. The board of trustees ~~may~~ shall act as a building and facilities governing committee and has authority over capital expenditures and the district's capital reserve fund, including authority in consultation with the district school committee over the budget for maintaining, repairing, replacing and improving the community school district's buildings and other facilities and over the district's capital reserve funds for non-instructional capital purchases. The community school district may vote in accordance with Title 20-A, section 1651, subsection 4 to have the district school committee perform the duties of the board of trustees. The board of trustees and the district school committee shall have distinct areas of responsibility or authority as outlined in this Act and in Title 20-A, chapter 105. If issues arise involving overlapping responsibilities, the board of trustees and district school committee shall create joint bylaws or procedures as necessary to further assist them in understanding and executing their duties and responsibilities to the community school district.

Sec. 2. P&SL 1953, c. 156, §6, as repealed and replaced by P&SL 2023, c. 12, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

Sec. 6. Budget approval. The board of trustees shall prepare the revenues and expenditures for the capital portion of the budget in accordance with section 3. The district school committee shall prepare the revenues and expenditures for the operating portion of the budget. The district school committee shall integrate the