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capital and operating portions of the budget into cost centers in accordance with the cost center summary budget format and shall submit the budget to the budget meeting for the budget validation referendum procedure under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 105, subchapter 3. The board of trustees may prepare other articles related to capital needs, such as capital reserve fund articles, for the budget meeting. The district school committee shall include these articles in the warrant for the budget meeting.

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CHAPTER 19

S.P. 875 - L.D. 2156

An Act to Provide for the 2026 and 2027 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds

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

Sec. 1. Allocation to Treasurer of State. The $5,000,000 of the state ceiling on private activity bonds for calendar year 2026 previously allocated to the Treasurer of State remains allocated to the Treasurer of State to be used or reallocated in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 363, subsection 5 for calendar year 2026. Five million dollars of the state ceiling for calendar year 2027 is allocated to the Treasurer of State to be used or reallocated in accordance with Title 10, section 363, subsection 5.

Sec. 2. Allocation to Finance Authority of Maine, including as successor to Maine Educational Loan Authority. The $235,000,000 of the state ceiling on private activity bonds for calendar year 2026 previously allocated to the Finance Authority of Maine, including as successor to the Maine Educational Loan Authority, remains allocated to the Finance Authority of Maine to be used or reallocated in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 363, subsections 6 and 8 for calendar year 2026. An additional $100,000,000 of the state ceiling on private activity bonds for calendar year 2026, of which $47,625,000 was previously unallocated and $52,375,000 was previously allocated to the Maine State Housing Authority, is allocated to the Finance Authority of Maine to be used or reallocated in accordance with Title 10, section 363, subsections 6 and 8 for calendar year 2026. One hundred twenty-five million dollars of the state ceiling for calendar year 2027 is allocated to the Finance Authority of Maine to be used or reallocated in accordance with Title 10, section 363, subsections 6 and 8.

Sec. 3. Allocation to Maine Municipal Bond Bank. The $10,000,000 of the state ceiling on private activity bonds for calendar year 2026 previously allocated to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank remains allocated to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to be used or reallocated in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 363, subsection 7 for calendar year 2026. Ten million dollars of the state ceiling for calendar year 2027 is allocated to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to be used or reallocated in accordance with Title 10, section 363, subsection 7.

Sec. 4. Allocation to Maine State Housing Authority. The $100,000,000 of the state ceiling on private activity bonds for calendar year 2026 previously allocated to the Maine State Housing Authority is reduced to $47,625,000, and the remaining $52,375,000 is reallocated to the Finance Authority of Maine, for use or reallocation in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 363, subsection 4 for calendar year 2026. Two hundred fifty million dollars of the state ceiling for calendar year 2027 is allocated to the Maine State Housing Authority to be used or reallocated in accordance with Title 10, section 363, subsection 4.

Sec. 5. Unallocated state ceiling. Zero dollars of the state ceiling on private activity bonds for calendar year 2026 is unallocated. Seven million six hundred twenty-five thousand dollars of the state ceiling for calendar year 2027 is unallocated and must be reserved for future allocation in accordance with applicable laws.

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CHAPTER 20

S.P. 921 - L.D. 2243

An Act Increasing the Debt Limit of the West Paris 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, the West Paris Water District is under an administrative order from the Maine drinking water program to replace a water storage tank by December 31, 2027; and

Whereas, the needed funds 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 1963, c. 83, §10, first ¶, as amended by P&SL 1995, c. 8, §1, is further amended to read:

Sec. 10. Authorized to borrow money, to issue bonds and notes. For accomplishing the purposes of this act, and for such other expenses as may be necessary for the carrying out of these purposes, the district, through its trustees, without vote of the inhabitants, is authorized to borrow money temporarily and to issue therefor its negotiable notes; and for the purpose of renewing and refunding the indebtedness so 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 Town of West Paris, the district being authorized to reimburse the Town of West Paris for any such expense 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, without the vote of its inhabitants, 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, in such amount or amounts, bearing interest at such rate or rates, and having such terms and provisions as the trustees determine; ~~provided~~ except that the total outstanding indebtedness of the district may not exceed ~~$1,000,000~~ $8,000,000 at any one time.

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

Effective April 13, 2026.