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STATE OF MAINE SENATE 101st LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 649, L. D. 1655, Bill, "An Act Creating the Damariscotta Sewage District."

Amend said Bill by inserting at the beginning before the enacting clause the following:

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

Whereas, disposal of sewage is essential to the health and wellbeing of the inhabitants of the Town of Damariscotta; and

Whereas, it is imperative that action be taken at the earliest possible time to eliminate any danger to such health and well-being; 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,'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of the last 4 paragraphs and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Emergency clause; referendum; effective date. In view of the 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 district, being the Town of Damariscotta, at the next annual town meeting of the Town of Damariscotta.

The town clerk of said Town of Damariscotta shall prepare the required ballots on which he shall reduce the subject matter of this act to the following question: "Shall the 'Act Creating the Damariscotta Sewage District', passed by the first special session of the 101st 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.

This act shall take complete effect for all purposes immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters voting thereon at such election, provided that the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this act equals or exceeds 20% of the total vote for all candidates for Governor cast in said town at the next preceding gubernatorial election.

The result of such election shall be declared by the selectmen of the Town of Damariscotta and due certificate thereof shall be filed by the town clerk with the Secretary of State.'

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