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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 647**

H. P. 501

House of Representatives, February 5, 1971

Referred to Committee on Public Utilities. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Barnes of Alton.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Increasing the Indebtedness of Veazie Sewer District.**

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

Whereas, the engineers' estimates of the Veazie Sewer District's share of the cost of its pollution abatement project exceeds its present authorized indebtedness; and

Whereas, the time schedule provided for by the Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 451, requires the district to complete arrangements for financing on or before October 1, 1971; and

Whereas, the district cannot complete arrangements for financing its pollution abatement project unless its authorized indebtedness is increased; 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.

**P. & S. L., 1951, c. 114, § 8, amended.** The first sentence of section 8 of chapter 114 of the private and special laws of 1951, as amended by chapter 125 of the private and special laws of 1965, is further amended to read as follows:

To procure funds for the purposes of this Act, and for such other expenses as may be necessary to carry out said purposes, the said district, by its

trustees, is hereby authorized from time to time to borrow money and to issue its bonds and notes therefor, but shall not incur a total indebtedness exceeding the sum of ~~\$100,000~~ \$250,000 at any one time outstanding.

**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 at a special election or elections called and held for the purpose.

The board of selectmen of the Town of Veazie shall call said election, to be held upon a date to be specified in writing by them. The registrar of voters shall make and provide a separate check list for such of the voters within said district as are then legal voters therein, and all warrants issued to said district shall be varied accordingly to show that only such voters therein are entitled to vote thereon. Such election shall be called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections; providing, however, that the registrar of voters shall not be required to prepare nor the town clerk to post a new check list of voters, and for this purpose said registrar of voters shall be in session the 2 secular days next preceding such election, the first day thereof to be devoted to the registration of voters and the last day to enable the registrar of voters to verify the corrections of said list and to complete and close up the records of said sessions. The town clerk shall reduce the subject matter of this Act to the following question: "Shall the Act Increasing the Indebtedness of the Veazie Sewer District, passed by the 105th Legislature, be accepted?"

The voters shall indicate by depositing a ballot in the ballot box with the word "Yes" or "No" on the same, their opinion of the same. This Act shall take effect for all the purposes hereof immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters voting at said election; provided that the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this Act equals or exceeds 20% of the number of voters on said check list. The result shall be declared in open meeting and due certificate thereof filed by the town clerk with the Secretary of State. Twenty per cent of the qualified voters of said district shall constitute a quorum for the purposes of this election, but a less number may adjourn from time to time not exceeding 7 days at one time.

### STATEMENT OF FACT

The intent of this bill is reflected in the emergency preamble.