

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1138

S. P. 381

In Senate, March 2, 1971

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Hoffses of Knox by request.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Rates of the Waldoboro Sewer District.

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

P. & S. L., 1963, c. 146, § 18, amended. Section 18 of chapter 146 of the private and special laws of 1963 is amended by adding a new sentence at the end of the first paragraph to read as follows:

Rates, tolls, rents and entrance charges for the municipality may be set to take into consideration the overall health, well-being and improvement of the environment that the municipality derives from the district operations, however said rates for said municipality shall not exceed 30% of the total current operating and maintenance expenses, and the interest of any indebtedness of the district.

Referendum; effective date. This Act shall take effect when approved, only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the Town of Waldoboro at a special town meeting called and held for the purpose no later than 90 days after the effective date of this Act. Such special meeting shall be called, advertised and conducted by the municipal officers of said town according to the law relating to municipal elections in said towns. The town clerk of said Town of Waldoboro shall prepare the required ballots, on which he shall reduce the subject matter of this Act to the following question:

"Shall the Act to Amend the Waldoboro Sewer District Charter, enacted by the 105th Legislature, be accepted?" The voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed upon their ballot against the words "Yes" or "No" 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 special meeting; provided that the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this Act at said meeting equals or exceeds 10% of the total vote for all candidates for Governor in said town at the next previous gubernatorial election. The result of each such vote shall be declared by the municipal officers and due certificate thereof filed by the town clerk with the Secretary of State.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The existing sewer district system services only a small percentage of the residents of Waldoboro. The present costs are now borne by the present users and those having frontage on the system but not connected thereto. The proposed amendment would permit the town to assume a greater share of the costs than now assumed.