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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1662

H. P. 1360

House of Representatives, April 3, 1975

Approved for introduction by a Majority of the Committee on Reference of Bills pursuant to Joint Rule 10. On motion of Mr. Bustin of Augusta, referred to the Committee on Public Utilities. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hughes of Auburn.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Amend the Charter of the Auburn Sewerage District.

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, the trustees of the Auburn Sewerage District are in need for authority to levy a special sewer tax to meet financial obligations of the district; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to provide for necessary payment of interest or principal on indebtedness of the district and the expected assessment to be levied by the Lewiston-Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority; 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 & SL 1917, c. 193, § 8-A, is enacted to read:

Sec. 8-A. Special sewer tax authorized for certain purposes. If, in any year, the trustees shall determine that funds of the district are or will be in that year insufficient to meet when due payments of interest or principal, or

both, on indebtedness of the district or to meet when due any assessment which may be levied by the Lewiston-Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority, they shall cause to be levied a special tax to meet such insufficiency by issuing their warrant substantially in the same form as the warrant of the Treasurer of State for taxes, with appropriate changes, to the assessor of the City of Auburn, requiring him to ratably assess the sum so determined upon the taxable estates of all persons within the district who are receiving service from its sewer system based on the valuation of such property for municipal tax purposes and to commit his assessment to the tax collector of the City of Auburn, who shall have all authority and powers to collect said taxes as is vested by law to collect state, county and municipal taxes. Within 30 days after the date on which said taxes are due, the treasurer of the City of Auburn shall pay the amount thereof to the district. Pending the receipt of such payment, the district, by vote of its trustees, may borrow money temporarily for a term of not more than one year in anticipation of the receipt of such tax revenues. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to relieve the trustees of their duty to establish rates and other lawful charges so as to provide in full revenue for the purposes provided in section 8.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to amend the charter of the Auburn Sewerage District.