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H. P. 2100

House of Representatives, March 12, 1976

Approved for Introduction by a Majority of the Committee on Reference of Bills pursuant to Joint Order S. P. 635, as amended. Referred to Committee on Public Utilities. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Fraser of Mexico.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SIX

**AN ACT Increasing the Indebtedness Limit of the Mexico Sewer District
and Creating a Special Debt Limit for Interim Financing.**

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

Whereas, disposal of sewage is essential to the health and well-being of the inhabitants of the Town of Mexico; 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,

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

Sec. 1. P&SL 1957, c. 156, § 18, 1st sentence, as amended by P&SL 1963, c. 215, is further amended to read:

For accomplishing the purposes of this Act and for such other expenses as may be necessary for the carrying out of said purposes, said district, through its trustees, without district vote, is authorized to issue its notes and bonds in one series or in separate series from time to time and to refund and to make subsequent renewals of the same in whole or in part to an amount not exceeding the sum of ~~\$600,000~~ \$625,000 outstanding at any one time.

Sec. 2. P&SL 1957, c. 156, § 18, as amended, is further amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

In addition to the foregoing authority, said district, through its trustees, without district vote, is authorized to issue its note or notes from time to time and to refund and to make subsequent renewals of the same in whole or in part to an additional amount not exceeding the sum of \$225,000 outstanding at any one time. Said additional amount shall be a special debt limit, restricted to use for debts required for so-called interim financing of either federal, state or local grants and for use at such time as the district must act as temporary financing agency for another town or another district. Said additional debt limit shall be used only for temporary financing, when necessary, the same to be reimbursed to the district from another source no later than 3 years after incurring the original obligation.

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 Town of Mexico present and voting at an election to be called and held for that purpose.

The town clerk shall reduce the subject matter of this Act to the following question:

“Shall the Act Increasing Indebtednes of Mexico Sewer District and creating a Special Debt Limit for Interim Financing, passed at the First Special Session of the 107th 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 effect for all the purposes hereof immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters voting at said meeting; provided the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this Act at said meeting equaled or exceeded 20% of the total vote cast for all candidates for Governor in said town at the next preceding gubernatorial election.

The result of the vote shall be declared by the municipal officers of the Town of Mexico and due certificate thereof shall be filed by the town clerk with the Secretary of State.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to increase the indebtedness limit of the Mexico Sewer District and create a special debt limit for interim financing.