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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-456)
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 290, L.D. 334, Bill,
"AN ACT to Amend the Charter of the York Sewer District."

Amend the bill in section 2 by striking out all of the
5th underlined sentence after the amending clause and inserting
in its place the following:

'The trustees shall receive compensation on the basis of \$40 for
each meeting actually attended and reimbursement for travel and
expenses, the total not to exceed \$900 each year, but the chairman
and treasurer may be allowed such additional compensation as the
trustees shall determine, not to exceed \$250 each year.'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 3
and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 3. P&SL 1951, c. 63, §8, 2nd ¶, is repealed and the
following enacted in its place:

Every building in the district intended for human habitation
or occupancy or with facilities for discharge or disposal of sewage
or commercial or industrial waste, which is accessible to a sewer
or drain of the district, shall have a sanitary sewer or drainage
system which shall be caused to be connected with such sewer or
drain of the district by the owner or person against whom taxes on
the premises are assessed, in the most direct manner possible,
within 90 days after receiving request therefor from the district, or

within such further time as the trustees of the district may grant, and, if feasible, with a separate connection for each building. Existing buildings which are already served by a private sewer or drainage system shall not be required to connect with any sewer or drain of the district as long as the private sewer or drainage system functions in a satisfactory and sanitary manner, and does not violate any law or ordinance applicable thereto or any applicable requirement of the State of Maine Plumbing Code, as determined by the municipal plumbing inspector, his alternate or, in the event that both Department of Human services, are trustees or employees of the district, the Division of Health Engineering. A building is deemed to be accessible to a sewer or drain of the district for the purposes of this section if that building, or any private sewer or drain directly or indirectly connected thereto or carrying sewage or commercial or industrial waste therefrom, shall at any point be or come within 100 feet of a sewer or drain of the district; provided that nothing in this section shall require the owner of any such building to acquire any real property or easement therein for the sole purpose of making such connection. The officers or agents of the district shall have free access to all premises served by its sewers, at all reasonable hours, for inspection of plumbing and sewage fixtures, to ascertain the quality and quantity of sewage discharged and the manner of discharge and to enforce the provisions of this chapter and the rules prescribed by the trustees of the district.'

Further amend the Bill in section 4, in section 9, in the 5th line (4th in L.D.) by inserting after the underlined word and punctuation "either," the underlined word 'to'

Further amend the Bill by striking out all of sections 7, 8 and 9 and inserting in their place the following:

'Sec. 7. P&SL 1951, c. 63, §16, as last amended by P&SL 1971, c. 160, is renumbered to be section 15.

Sec. 8. P&SL 1951, c. 63, §17, as amended by P&SL 1955, c. 70, §3, is renumbered to be section 16.

Sec. 9. P&SL 1951, c. 63, §18, as repealed and replaced by P&SL, 1955, c. 70, §4, is renumbered to be section 17.'

Further amend the Bill by striking out all of sections 12 and 13 and inserting in their place the following:

'Sec. 12. P&SL 1951, c. 63, §22, as renumbered by P&SL 1955, c. 70, §7, and P&SL 1967, c. 63, §6, is further renumbered to be section 21.

Sec. 13. P&SL 1951, c. 63, §23, as enacted by P&SL 1967, c. 63 §7, is renumbered to be section 22.'

Further amend the Bill in section 14, in the first paragraph by adding at the end the following:

'The district shall mail notice of the proposed amendment and the election to each ratepayer at least 14 days prior to the election.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment adds certain procedural requirements to the bill and increases the trustees' compensation to \$900.

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