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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 723

S. P. 254

In Senate, February 9, 1981

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

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Minkowsky of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT to Revise the Charter of the Richmond Utilities District.

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

Sec. 1. P&SL 1961, c. 154, § 22-A, as enacted by P&SL 1979, c. 39, § 10, is amended to read:

Sec. 22-A. Additional method of collection of assessments. If assessments under the provisions of section 19-A of this Act are not paid, and the district does not proceed to collect unpaid assessments by a sheriff's sale of the real estate upon which the assessments are made under section 21-A of this Act, or does not collect or is in any manner delayed or defeated in collecting assessments by a sheriff's sale of the real estate under section 21-A of this Act, then the treasurer, in the name of the district, may maintain an action against the party assessed for the amount of the assessment, as for money paid out and expended, in any court of competent jurisdiction, and in such suit may recover the amount of the assessment with ~~10%~~ interest on the assessment from the date of the assessment and costs.

Sec. 2. P&SL 1961, c. 154, § 25-A, as enacted by P&SL 1979, c. 39, § 10, is amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read:

The district may charge interest on assessments, rates, tolls, rents and other charges in such amount as may be determined by the trustees from time to time,

provided that such interest rate may not exceed the rate of interest which may lawfully be charged by municipalities on unpaid real estate taxes.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to clarify the authority of the Richmond Utilities District to set interest rates on amounts owing to it.