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1 (EMERGENCY)
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3 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
4

5 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
6

7 Legislative Document

No. 1609

9 H.P. 1101

House of Representatives, May 24, 1985

10 Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council
11 pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

12 Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs
suggested.

Under suspension of the rules, read twice and passed to be engrossed
without reference to a committee, sent up for concurrence.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

13 Presented by Representative Michaud of Medway.

14 STATE OF MAINE
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16 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
17 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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19 Resolve, Concerning Reauthorization of the
20 \$30,000,000 Bond Issue for the Planning,
21 Construction and Equipment of the
22 Water Pollution Abatement Facilities.
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24 Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts and resolves
25 of the Legislature do not become effective until 90
26 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies;
27 and

28 Whereas, the Treasurer of State cannot sell any
29 bonds not yet issued from the \$30,000,000 pollution
30 abatement bond issue authorized by the voters in 1977
31 unless the Legislature reauthorizes the issuance of
32 those bonds; and

33 Whereas, the Department of Environmental Protec-
34 tion cannot meet its existing contractual obligations
35 with municipalities and quasi-municipal corporations
36 unless the bonds not yet issued are reauthorized; and

1 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,
2 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of
3 the Constitution of Maine and require the following
4 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-
5 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
6 therefore, be it further

7 **Findings; expiration. Resolved:** That the Legis-
8 lature finds that the authorization for the
9 \$30,000,000 bond issue approved by the electorate in
10 November 1976, for the planning, construction and
11 equipment of pollution abatement facilities has ex-
12 pired; and be it further

13 **Findings; reauthorization necessary. Resolved:**
14 That the Legislature further finds that unless the
15 bond issue is reauthorized the progress in cleaning
16 up the State's waters by municipal dischargers will
17 be seriously hindered and the State will not be able
18 to meet its existing contract obligations with munic-
19 ipalities and quasi-municipal corporations; and be it
20 further

21 **Reauthorization authorized. Resolved:** That it
22 is the intent of the Legislature to reauthorize bonds
23 not yet issued from the \$30,000,000 bond issue for
24 the planning, construction and equipment of pollution
25 abatement facilities for an additional 5-year period
26 from the effective date of this resolve.

27 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited
28 in the preamble, this resolve shall take effect when
29 approved.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2 This resolve reauthorizes the unissued portion of
3 the 1977 bond issue for waste water treatment plants
4 and water pollution control. This action allows the
5 Department of Environmental Protection and the munic-
6 ipalities of the State to proceed with the ongoing
7 construction grants program. The small communities
8 project program would also continue. Reauthorization
9 avoids creating a hardship for municipalities who are
10 trying to comply with federal and state laws to treat
11 or eliminate water pollution.

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