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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
114TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 187, L.D. 252, Bill, "An Act to Increase the Debt Limit for the South Berwick Water District"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

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

**Whereas,** the South Berwick Water District needs the authority to increase their bonded indebtedness before the 90-day period after adjournment has elapsed; 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,'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the beginning of the first line after the enacting clause (page 1, line 3 in L.D.) the following: **'Sec. 1.'**

Further amend the bill by inserting before the statement of fact the following:

**'Sec. 2. Referendum; emergency clause.** This Act shall be submitted to the legal voters of the Town of South Berwick at the regular town meeting in 1989 or at a special town meeting to be called and held for the purpose within 90 days of the approval of this Act. That special town meeting shall be called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections; provided, however, that the selectmen of the town shall not be required to prepare for posting, nor the town clerk to post, a new list of voters and for the purpose of registration of voters the board of voters registration shall be in session on the secular day next preceding the special election. The voters shall vote on the following question:

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"Shall the limit on the bonded indebtedness of the South Berwick Water District be increased to \$4,000,000?"

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This Act shall take effect when approved. Section 1 of this Act shall take effect when adopted by a majority of the legal voters of the Town of South Berwick voting at the election.'

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### STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause. It also adds the requirement of a vote at a town meeting.

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