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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1064, L.D. 1486, Bill, "An Act Increasing Indebtedness of Berwick Sewer District"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. P&SL 1963, c. 154, §11, 3rd sentence, as amended by P&SL 1973, c. 109, is further amended to read:

The Effective March 1, 1989, the total indebtedness of the district evidenced by bonds and notes at any one time outstanding shall not exceed the sum of \$1,750,000 \$5,000,000. Subject to a referendum, the total indebtedness of the district evidenced by bonds and notes at any one time outstanding shall not exceed the sum of \$8,000,000.

Sec. 2. Emergency clause; referendum; effective date. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved, except that the increase of the total indebtedness from \$5,000,000 to \$8,000,000 shall take effect only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the Berwick Sewer District, resident in the district, at the next regular town meeting or at a special town meeting to be called and held for the purpose by December 31, 1989. The election 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 voter registration shall be in session on the secular day next preceding the special election. The town clerk of the town shall prepare the required ballots, on which the town clerk shall reduce the subject matter of this Act to the following question:

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"Shall 'An Act to Increase the Total Authorized Indebtedness of the Berwick Sewer District from \$5,000,000 to \$8,000,000,' passed by the 114th 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 immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters voting at the election.

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

The Berwick Sewer District finds its treatment system, constructed for a cost of approximately \$3,700,000 in 1974, is at capacity and needs to be expanded to handle growth which, by law, the Berwick Sewer District must accept. The estimated cost of treatment plant expansion is \$4,500,000. Immediate recommendations for collector and interceptor expansion is \$6,156,000. This amendment will provide authorization for votes in the sewer district held on March 22, 1989, approving bonds for \$4,550,000 and to further allow the district to increase its total indebtedness to \$8,000,000, subject to approval of the voters of the district. These increases will permit the district to prefinance and finance as evidenced by notes and bonds for the construction of sewage facilities.

Reported by the Committee on Utilities
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