

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1187

House of Representatives, May 12, 1989

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

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative MAYO of Thomaston.

Cosponsored by Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake, Representative CHONKO of Topsham and Senator WEBSTER of Franklin.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Appropriate Funds to the Department of Environmental Protection to Provide Technical Assistance to Community Waste Water Treatment Facilities.

(AFTER DEADLINE)



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

3 Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the
5 General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

7		1989-90	1990-91
9	ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF		
11	Water Quality Control		
13	All Other	\$125,000	\$130,000

15 Funds to be used to contract
17 with the Maine Rural Water
Association to provide
19 technical assistance to
community waste water
21 treatment facilities.

23 STATEMENT OF FACT

25 Recent amendments to the federal Clean Water Act increase
27 financial burdens on Maine's citizenry in the construction and
improvement of waste water treatment facilities. There is a
29 transition from the use of construction grants to the use of
state revolving loans to finance capital improvements. Local
31 communities face increased responsibilities and more complex
financial mechanisms. With the appropriation made in this bill,
33 the Maine Rural Water Association will be able to provide
one-on-one technical assistance to communities across the State
35 on management, rate making, securing grants and basic
operations. The association will also be able to serve as a
37 liaison between waste water regulatory agencies and systems to
jointly resolve their common concerns. The Department of
39 Environmental Protection, as regulator of waste water facilities
in the State, is the appropriate agency to administer these funds.