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In Senate, June 16, 1989

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

Reference to the Committee on Utilities suggested. In Senate, under suspension of the Rules, Read Twice and Passed to be Engrossed, without reference to a Committee and ordered printed. Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator WEBSTER of Franklin.
Cosponsored by Representative RICHARD of Madison.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Amend the Norridgewock Water District Charter.

(After Deadline)



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

3 Sec. 1. P&SL 1953, c. 84, §1, first ¶ is amended to read:

5 Sec. 1. Territorial limits; name; purposes; plans of system
7 to be submitted to public utilities commission for approval.
9 That part of the town of Norridgewock within the area hereinafter
11 described, and the inhabitants within that area, are hereby
13 created a body politic and corporate by the name of Norridgewock
15 Water District for the purpose of supplying the inhabitants of
17 said district with pure water for domestic, sanitary,
19 agricultural, industrial and all lawful municipal purposes, ~~and
also--for--providing--adequate--sewerage--facilities--for--the
collection,--discharge--and--disposition--of--sewerage~~ as may be
21 necessary for the convenience and health of the inhabitants of
23 said district.

17 Sec. 2. P&SL 1953, c. 84, §1, 2nd ¶ is repealed and the following
19 enacted in its place:

21 The area within the district is to be comprised of the
23 entire Town of Norridgewock.

23 Sec. 3. P&SL 1953, c. 84, §2, first sentence is amended to read:

25 The said district, for the purposes of its incorporation, is
27 hereby authorized to take, hold, divert, use and distribute water
29 from the Kennebec river in the town of Norridgewock, and from any
31 surface or underground brook, well, lake, pond, stream, spring or
33 vein of water in said town of Norridgewock and to do any and all
things necessary in providing a system of sewerage ~~and drainage~~
for public purposes and for the health, comfort and convenience
of the inhabitants of said district.

35 Sec. 4. P&SL 1953, c. 84, §3, first ¶ is amended to read:

37 Sec. 3. May exercise eminent domain. The said district,
39 for the purposes of its incorporation, is hereby authorized to
41 take and hold as for public uses, real estate and personal
43 estate, and any interest therein necessary for such purposes, by
45 purchase, lease or otherwise, and is hereby authorized to
47 exercise the right of eminent domain as hereinafter provided, to
49 acquire for such purposes any land or interest therein or water
rights necessary for erecting and maintaining dams, plants and
51 works, for flowage, for power, for pumping, for supplying water
through its mains ~~and--sewerage--system,~~ for reservoirs, for
preserving the purity of the water and watershed, for laying and
maintaining mains, aqueducts and other structures for taking,
distributing, discharging and disposing of water ~~and--sewage,--for
forming--basins,--reservoirs--and--outlets--in--a--sewage--system,--for
erection--of--buildings--for--pumping--works--for--use--therein,--for
laying--pipes--and--sewers--and--maintaining--same,--and--for--laying--and~~

1 maintaining--conduits--for--carrying,--collecting,--discharging--and
2 disposing--of--sewage--matters--and--waters,--for--filtering,
3 rectifying,--treating--and--disposal--plants,--works--and--facilities,
4 for such other objects necessary, convenient and proper for the
5 purposes of its incorporation, and for rights-of-way or roadways
6 to its sources of supply, dams, power stations, reservoirs,
7 mains, aqueducts, structures, plants, works, facilities and lands.

9 **Sec. 5. P&SL 1953, c. 84, §§4 and 5 are repealed.**

11 **Sec. 6. P&SL 1953, c. 84, §9, 6th sentence is amended to read:**

13 They shall choose annually a treasurer to serve for a term of 1
14 year, fix the treasurer's salary, which shall in no case exceed
15 \$200 \$500 per year, and fill vacancies in that office.

17 **Sec. 7. P&SL 1953, c. 84, §12 is amended to read:**

19 **Sec. 12. District and town authorized to make contracts.**
20 Said district, through its trustees, is authorized to contract
21 with persons and corporations, including the town of
22 Norridgewock, and said town of Norridgewock is authorized to
23 contract with it, for the supply of water and-sewerage-facilities
24 for municipal purposes.

25 **Sec. 8. P&SL 1953, c. 84, §13, 2nd sentence is amended to read:**

27 For the purpose of obtaining or providing money to pay or to meet
28 any necessary expenses and liabilities under the provisions of
29 this act, including expenses in the creation of this district, in
30 securing sources of supply, taking water and land, paying
31 damages, laying pipes, constructing, maintaining and operating a
32 water plant and-sewage-disposal-system and making extensions,
33 additions and improvements to the same, the said district,
34 through its trustees, may from time to time issue bonds of the
35 district to an amount necessary in the judgment of the trustees
36 therefor, maturing and payable at such time or times, in uniform
37 or varying installments, with or without such call provisions,
38 and with or without such a premium or premiums, as said trustees
39 shall determine.

41 **Sec. 9. P&SL 1953, c. 84, §15, 2nd sentence is amended to read:**

43 Said water and-sewer rates shall be so established as to provide
44 revenue for the following purposes:

47 **Sec. 10. P&SL 1953, c. 84, §15, sub-§1 is amended to read:**

49 1. To pay current expenses for operating and maintaining

1 the water system and-sewer-system.

3 **Sec. 11. Power of selectmen.** The selectmen of the Town of
5 Norridgewock shall have the power and authority to provide for
7 adequate sewerage facilities for the collection, discharge and
disposition of sewerage as may be necessary for the convenience
and health of the inhabitants of the town.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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13 The purpose of this bill is to remove from the Norridgewock
15 Water District the authority to provide and maintain a sewerage
system. The bill provides that that authority will vest in the
17 selectmen of the Town of Norridgewock. The bill further amends
the water district charter by defining the applicable territory
to be the entire Town of Norridgewock and increasing the salary
19 of the treasurer to an amount not to exceed \$500 per year.