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House of Representatives, January 22, 1991

Reference to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

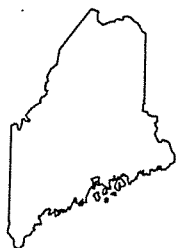
Presented by Representative HOLT of Bath.

Cosponsored by Senator CLARK of Cumberland, Representative COLES of Harpswell and Representative RYDELL of Brunswick.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

An Act to Establish Wastewater Management Districts.



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

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4 Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §3429 is enacted to read:

6 §3429. Maintenance of domestic wastewater disposal units

8 1. Wastewater management districts; formation. Pursuant to
10 chapter 115, part or all of one or more municipalities may form
12 wastewater management districts for the purpose of regulating and
 maintaining domestic wastewater disposal units. The question of
 the formation of the proposed district must be submitted to the
 voters residing within it for approval by majority vote.

14 2. Wastewater management district defined. As used in this
16 section, wastewater management district means a quasi-municipal
18 corporation, as defined in section 2604, subsection 3,
20 established to eliminate and prevent, through the implementation
 of inspection and maintenance programs, the contamination of
 state ground and surface waters caused by malfunctioning domestic
 wastewater disposal units.

22 3. Establishment of maintenance program. A wastewater
24 management district may establish an inspection and maintenance
 program to:

26 A. Designate district employees who, under section 4452,
28 subsection 1, may enter private property when necessary to
 inspect septic systems;

30 B. Order the maintenance of domestic wastewater disposal
 units in according to an appropriate schedule;

32 C. Raise funds for the administration of operations,
34 contractual obligations and services of a wastewater
 management district by:

36 (1) Assessing each unit owner an annual fee;

38 (2) Borrowing by issuing bonds or notes of the member
40 municipality or municipalities; or

42 (3) Setting rates for pumping services provided by the
44 district;

46 D. Hire the personnel necessary to carry out the functions
 of the district;

48 E. Provide public education prior to the implementation of
50 maintenance requirements to make property owners aware of
52 the proper maintenance and care of domestic wastewater
 disposal units and the need for periodic pumping. After a
 wastewater management district is created, an education

