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H.P. 1480

House of Representatives, January 7, 1992

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.
Reference to the Committee on Utilities suggested and ordered printed.

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative FARNUM of South Berwick.

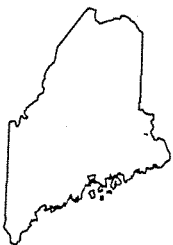
Cosponsored by Representative MURPHY of Berwick and Senator CARPENTER of York.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Increase the Debt Limit of the South Berwick Sewer District.

(EMERGENCY)



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

4 Whereas, disposal and treatment of sewage is essential to
6 the health and well-being of the inhabitants of the Town of South
Berwick; and

8 Whereas, changes in the debt limit of the South Berwick
10 Sewer District are necessary in order to begin construction on a
required secondary treatment plant; and

12 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
14 create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
16 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
safety; now, therefore,

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

20 **Sec. 1. P&SL 1963, c. 226, §16, 3rd sentence,** as amended by P&SL
22 1987, c. 99, §1, is further amended to read:

24 The total outstanding indebtedness of said the district, at
any one time, shall may not exceed the sum of \$3,000,000
26 \$6,000,000.

28 **Sec. 2. Emergency clause; referendum; effective date.** In view of
the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when
30 approved, except that the increase of the total indebtedness from
\$3,000,000 to \$6,000,000 takes effect only for the purpose of
32 permitting its submission to the legal voters of the South
Berwick Sewer District, resident in the district, at the next
34 regular town or at a special town meeting to be called and held
for the purpose by December 31, 1992. The election must be
36 called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to
municipal elections; provided, however, that the municipal
38 officers of the town are not required to prepare for posting, nor
the town clerk to post, a new list of voters and, for the purpose
40 of registration of voters, the board of voter registration must
be in session on the secular day next preceding the special
42 election. The town clerk of the town shall prepare the required
ballots, on which the town clerk shall reduce the subject matter
44 of this Act to the following question:

46 "Shall the charter that created the South Berwick Sewer
District be amended to increase the total authorized
48 indebtedness of the district from \$3,000,000 to \$6,000,000?"

2 The voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed
4 against the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same. This
 Act takes effect immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of
 the legal voters voting at the election.

6 The result of the vote must be declared by the municipal
8 officers of the Town of South Berwick and due certificate thereof
 must be filed by the town clerk with the Secretary of State.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

14 This bill authorizes an increase in the debt limitation of
16 the South Berwick Sewer District. The bill, if enacted, becomes
 effective only upon approval by the voters of the South Berwick
 Sewer District.

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