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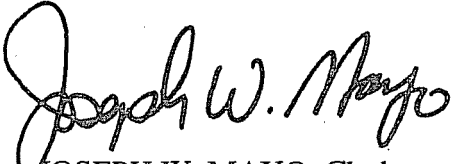
House of Representatives, May 20, 1993

An Act to Amend the Charter of the Oxford Water District.

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.
Reference to the Committee on Utilities suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BENNETT of Norway.

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

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6 **Whereas,** water is essential to the health and well-being of
the inhabitants of the Town of Oxford; and

8 **Whereas,** changes in the debt limit of the Oxford Water
District are necessary in order to expand and improve facilities;
10 and

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

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

20 **Sec. 1.** P&SL 1961, c. 41, §10, first ¶ is amended to read:

22 **Sec. 10. Authorized to borrow money, to issue bonds and notes.** For
accomplishing the purposes of this act, and for such other
24 expenses as may be necessary for the carrying out of said
purposes, said district, through its trustees, without vote of
26 the inhabitants, is authorized to borrow money temporarily and to
issue therefor its negotiable notes; and for the purpose of
28 renewing and refunding the indebtedness so created, of paying any
necessary expenses and liabilities incurred under the provisions
30 of this act, including organizational and other necessary
expenses and liabilities whether incurred by the district or the
32 Town of Oxford, the district being authorized to reimburse said
Town of Oxford for any such expense incurred by it and in
34 acquiring properties, paying damages, laying pipes, mains,
aqueducts and conduits, constructing, maintaining and operating a
36 water plant or system and making renewals, additions, extensions
and improvements to the same and to cover interest payments
38 during the period of construction, said district, through its
trustees, without the vote of its inhabitants, is also authorized
40 to issue, from time to time, bonds, notes or other evidences of
indebtedness of the district in one series, or in separate
42 series, in such amount or amounts, bearing interest at such rate
or rates, and having such terms and provisions as the trustees
44 shall determine; provided the total indebtedness of the said
district shall may not exceed the sum of \$300,000 \$1,500,000 at
46 any one time outstanding.

48 **Sec. 2. Emergency clause; referendum; effective date.** In view of
the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when
50 approved only for the purpose of permitting its

2 submission to the legal voters of the Oxford Water District,
resident in the district, at the next regular town meeting or at
4 a special town meeting to be called and held for the purpose by
December 31, 1993. The election must be called, advertised and
6 conducted according to the laws related to municipal elections;
provided, however, that the municipal officers of the town are
8 not required to prepare for posting, nor the town clerk to post,
a new list of voters and, for the purpose of registration of
10 voters, the board of voter registration must be in session on the
secular day next preceding the special election. The town clerk
12 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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16 "Do you favor amending the charter that created the Oxford
Water District to increase the total authorized indebtedness
of the district from \$300,000 to \$1,500,000?"

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

24 The result of the vote must be declared by the municipal
officers of the Town of Oxford and due certificate thereof must
26 be filed by the town clerk with the Secretary of State.

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30 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

32 This bill increases the borrowing authority of the Oxford
Water District from \$300,000 to \$1,500,000.