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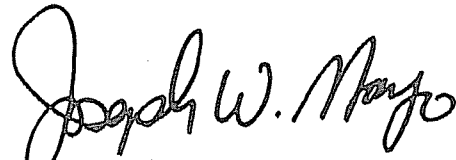
House of Representatives, January 10, 1994

**An Act to Increase the Debt Limit for the Richmond Utilities District.**

(EMERGENCY)

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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.

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative STEVENS of Sabattus.  
Cosponsored by Senator: CAHILL of Sagadahoc.

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, it is necessary that this legislation be enacted as  
an emergency in order for the Richmond Utilities District to  
immediately borrow money to upgrade 2 pump stations and to  
8           construct new sewers and storm drains to correct a seriously  
overloaded wastewater treatment plant; and

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

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

18           **Sec. 1.** P&SL 1961, c. 154, §14-A, as enacted by P&SL 1979, c.  
20           39, §3, is amended by amending the first sentence to read:

22           For accomplishing the purpose of this Act, the district by vote  
of its board of trustees, without district vote except as  
24           hereinafter provided, is hereby authorized to borrow money  
temporarily and to issue therefor its negotiable notes; and for  
26           the purpose of renewing and refunding the indebtedness so  
created, of paying any necessary expenses and liabilities  
28           incurred under the provisions of this Act, and in acquiring  
properties, paying damages, laying pipes, mains, sewers, drains  
30           and conduits, purchasing, constructing, maintaining and operating  
a water system and a sewerage system and making renewals,  
32           additions, extensions and improvements to such systems and to  
cover interest payments during any period of construction, said  
34           Richmond Utilities District, by votes of its board of trustees,  
without district vote except as hereinafter provided, is also  
36           hereby authorized to issue, from time to time, bonds, notes or  
other evidences of indebtedness of the district in such amount or  
38           amounts, bearing interest at such rate or rates, and having such  
terms and provisions as the trustees shall determine; provided  
40           that the total indebtedness of the district shall not exceed the  
sum of ~~\$1,500,000~~ \$3,000,000 at any one time outstanding and  
42           provided, further, that in the case of a vote by the trustees to  
authorize bonds or notes to pay for the acquisition of property,  
44           except for the original acquisition of property of Richmond Water  
Works, for the cost of a water system or sewerage system or part  
46           thereof, for renewals or additions or for other improvements in  
the nature of capital costs, the estimated cost of which singly  
48           or in the aggregate included in any one financing is \$30,000 or  
more, but not for renewing or refunding existing indebtedness or

2 to pay for maintenance, repairs or for current expenses, notice  
3 of the proposed debt and of the general purpose or purposes for  
4 which it was authorized shall be given by the clerk by  
5 publication at least once in a newspaper having a general  
6 circulation in the Town of Richmond.

7 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the  
8 preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

10 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

11 This bill raises the current debt limit of the Richmond  
12 Utilities District from \$1,500,000 to \$3,000,000.  
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20 This document has not yet been reviewed to determine the  
need for cross-reference, stylistic and other technical  
amendments to conform existing law to current drafting standards.