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H.P. 943

House of Representatives, April 13, 1995

An Act to Authorize the Town of Topsham to Increase the Amount the Town May Contribute to the Construction Costs of Sewers That Belong or May Later Belong to the Topsham Sewer 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 and Energy suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative TRIPP of Topsham.
Cosponsored by Representatives: DAVIDSON of Brunswick, GREEN of Monmouth, HARTNETT of Freeport, JOHNSON of South Portland, KEANE of Old Town, ROSEBUSH of East Millinocket, SHIAH of Bowdoinham, TREAT of Gardiner, TUTTLE of Sanford, WATSON of Farmingdale, Senator: CAREY of Kennebec.

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

4 **Whereas,** the United States Government is in the process of
6 constructing a bypass between the Town of Brunswick and the Town
of Topsham that goes through undeveloped lands in the Town of
8 Topsham; and

10 **Whereas,** the Town of Topsham desires to have an industrial
or commercial zone adjacent to the bypass to increase the town's
12 tax base and a town meeting must approve any contribution toward
the construction costs of sewer projects; and

14 **Whereas,** the annual town meeting is being held in May and to
16 save time and money the sewers should be built before the bypass
is completed; and

18 **Whereas,** the town and the district need time to make plans
20 for this construction; and

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

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

30 **Sec. 1. P&SL 1957, c. 128, §13,** as enacted by P&SL 1963, c. 40,
§3, is amended to read:

32 **Sec. 13. Town of Topsham authorized to contribute to construction**
34 **costs in whole or in part.** The Town of Topsham may from time to time
contribute to the expense of construction ~~and or~~ reconstruction
36 both in whole or in part of sewers belonging to, or to later
~~belong to~~ the Topsham Sewer District ~~up-to-but-not-exceeding-1/2~~
38 ~~the-costs-of-such-construction~~ by so voting at any annual or
special town meeting. Said ~~The~~ town may raise money for such
40 these purposes in whole or part by taxation or may issue its
notes for the payment of its share in whole or in part or may
42 issue its bonds under the Maine Revised Statutes, ~~of--1954,~~
~~chapter-53,-section-137~~ Title 30-A, section 5111 for the payment
44 of its share in whole or part.

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

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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4 This bill amends the private and special law that allows the
6 Town of Topsham to increase the amount it contributes toward the
 construction costs of sewer projects. It is an emergency bill,
 so the town may vote on the matter at the next town meeting.