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No. 934

S.P. 269

In Senate, February 20, 2001

**An Act to Allow Timely Public Comment on Matters Heard Before
Sanitary Districts.**

Reference to the Committee on Utilities and Energy suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator RAND of Cumberland.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1211** is enacted to read:

6 **§1211. Public comment; opportunity required**

8 Prior to taking a final vote on any of the following
10 matters, the board of trustees of a sanitary district shall
12 provide an opportunity for the public to comment: budgets,
14 expenditures, expansions, reconfigurations of the sewer system,
16 moratoriums on expansions of service, the preclusion or delay of
18 the provision of service to any property or group of properties
20 otherwise eligible to receive service, or the cessation of
22 service to any property or group of properties receiving
24 service. The requirements of this section are in addition to
26 other applicable requirements of law.

28 **Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §1252, sub-§10** is enacted to read:

30 **10. Public comment; opportunity required.** Prior to taking
32 a final vote on any of the following matters, the trustees shall
34 provide an opportunity for the public to comment: budgets,
36 expenditures, expansions, reconfigurations of the sewer system,
38 moratoriums on expansions of service, the preclusion or delay of
40 the provision of service to any property or group of properties
otherwise eligible to receive service, or the cessation of
service to any property or group of properties receiving
service. The requirements of this section are in addition to any
other applicable requirements of law, including applicable
provisions of the private and special law governing the sewer
district.

34 **SUMMARY**

36 This bill requires a sewer district or a sanitary district
38 to provide an opportunity for the public to comment before the
40 board of trustees takes a final vote on important matters
affecting the users of the district.