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No. 1052

S.P. 369

In Senate, March 1, 2005

An Act To Require Municipalities To Institute Sewer Service Charges

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Joy J. O'Brien'.

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DAMON of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative PINGREE of North Haven and
Senator: COWGER of Kennebec, Representatives: BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, KOFFMAN of
Bar Harbor.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §3406, first ¶,** as enacted by PL 1987, c.
5 737, Pt. A, §2 and Pt. C, §106 and amended by PL 1989, c. 6; c.
6 9, §2; and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further amended to read:

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8 The municipal officers ~~may~~ shall establish a schedule of
9 service charges ~~from-time-to-time~~ upon improved real estate
10 connected with a municipal sewer or disposal system for the use
11 of the system. These service charges ~~shall~~ must include reserve
12 fund contributions. The service charges required under this
13 paragraph must cover the expenses of the municipal sewer or
14 disposal system. A municipality may not pay for system expenses
from other municipal funds.

15 **Sec. 2. Effective date.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2007.

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17 **SUMMARY**

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19 **20** This bill requires municipalities after January 1, 2007 to
21 pay for a municipal sewer or disposal system through user fees
22 rather than with other municipal funds.