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L.D. 2169

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**NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**STATE OF MAINE**

**SENATE**

**123RD LEGISLATURE**

**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 830, L.D. 2169, Bill, "An Act To Amend the Laws Pertaining To Storm Water Management and To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Drinking Water Management"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Drinking Water Management'**

Amend the bill by striking out all of Part A.

Amend the bill in Part B in section 1 in the 3rd line (page 1, line 15 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$1,700,000" and inserting the following: '\$3,400,000'

Amend the bill in Part B by striking out all of section 6 and inserting the following:

**'Sec. B-6. Allocations from General Fund bond issue.** The proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized under this Part must be expended as designated in the following schedule.

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Provides funds for a drinking water revolving loan fund in the department to be matched by \$8,500,000 in other funds. \$1,700,000

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 830, L.D. 2169

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2	Provides funds for a clean water	\$1,700,000
3	treatment facility state revolving loan	
4	fund to be matched by \$8,500,000 in	
5	other funds.	

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7 Amend the bill in Part B by striking out all of section 10 and inserting the following:

8 **'Sec. B-10. Referendum for ratification; submission at election; form of**  
 9 **question; effective date.** This Part must be submitted to the legal voters of the State at  
 10 a statewide election held in the month of November following the passage of this Act.  
 11 The municipal officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities,  
 12 towns and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide  
 13 election, to vote on the acceptance or rejection of this Part by voting on the following  
 14 question:

15 "Do you favor a \$3,400,000 bond issue to support drinking water  
 16 programs, to support the construction of clean water treatment facilities  
 17 and to leverage \$17,000,000 in other funds?"

18 The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question  
 19 and designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square  
 20 below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted, counted and  
 21 declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of  
 22 State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall  
 23 review the returns. If a majority of the legal votes are cast in favor of this Part, the  
 24 Governor shall proclaim the result without delay and this Part becomes effective 30 days  
 25 after the date of the proclamation.

26 The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation all  
 27 ballots, returns and copies of this Part necessary to carry out the purposes of this  
 28 referendum.'

29 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or  
 30 section number to read consecutively.

31 **SUMMARY**

32 This amendment removes Part A of the bill, which proposed to amend the laws  
 33 pertaining to storm water management. The amendment also increases the bond issue for  
 34 the drinking water revolving loan fund to \$1,700,000 and it increases the bond issue for  
 35 the clean water treatment facility revolving loan fund to \$1,700,000. It also increases the  
 36 match amount relating to each fund from \$4,250,000 to \$8,500,000.

37 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
 38 **(See attached)**

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



# 123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 2169

LR 2982(02)

## An Act To Amend the Laws Pertaining To Storm Water Management and To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Drinking Water Management

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A "

Committee: Natural Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Bond Issues	Term (years)	Principal	Rate (%)	Interest	Total Cost
General Fund - Taxable	10	\$3,400,000	5.5%	\$1,028,500	\$4,428,500

Referendum Costs	Month/Year	Election Type	Question	Length
	Nov-08	General	Bond Issue	Standard

The Secretary of State's budget includes sufficient funds to accommodate one ballot of average length for the general election in November. If the number or size of the bond issue questions increases the ballot length, an additional appropriation of \$8,000 or more may be required.

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill authorizes a bond issue in the amount of \$3,400,000 to support drinking water programs and the construction of wastewater treatment facilities.