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# 124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 218

House of Representatives, January 27, 2009

### **An Act To Amend the Charter of the Limestone Water and Sewer District**

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

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake.  
Cosponsored by Representative: AYOTTE of Caswell, Senator: JACKSON of Aroostook.

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

2                   **Sec. 1. P&SL 1957, c. 59, §8-A** is enacted to read:

3                   **Sec. 8-A. Wastewater treatment facility board.** All the affairs of the Greater  
4 Limestone Wastewater Treatment Facility are managed by a board of directors composed  
5 of 5 members. Three members must be members of the board of trustees of the  
6 Limestone Water and Sewer District. One member must be appointed by the trustees of  
7 the Loring Development Authority of Maine. One member must be a member of the  
8 Limestone Board of Selectpeople appointed by the selectpeople. The 2 appointed  
9 members serve at the pleasure of their appointing entities and may be removed without  
10 cause by their respective entities at any time. Appointed members serving on the  
11 wastewater treatment facility board are not eligible to serve as officers of the board of  
12 trustees of the Limestone Water and Sewer District. The appointed members serve  
13 without compensation.

14                   The responsibilities of the wastewater treatment facility board are limited to the  
15 regulation, management, operation and maintenance of the Greater Limestone  
16 Wastewater Treatment Facility. The wastewater treatment facility board is also  
17 responsible for rate changes and changes in the terms and conditions of service to the  
18 Loring Development Authority of Maine.

19                   **Sec. 2. P&SL 1957, c. 59, §12, first sentence,** as amended by P&SL 1981, c.  
20 40, is further amended to read:

21                   For accomplishing the purposes of this ~~aet~~ Act, ~~said the~~ district, through its trustees, is  
22 authorized to borrow money temporarily in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000  
23 \$5,000,000, and to issue ~~therefor~~ for the borrowing of money the interest-bearing  
24 negotiable notes of the district and for the purpose of refunding the indebtedness so  
25 created, of paying any necessary expenses and liabilities incurred under this ~~aet~~ Act,  
26 including the expenses incurred in the creation of the district, in reimbursing ~~said the~~  
27 town, in acquiring the ~~aforesaid~~ properties, privileges and franchises of the Limestone  
28 Water and Sewer Company, its successors or assigns, by purchase or otherwise, of  
29 securing sources of supply, taking water and land, paying damages, laying pipes,  
30 constructing and maintaining and operating a water, sewerage and drainage system, and  
31 making extensions, additions and improvements to the same, the ~~said~~ district through its  
32 trustees may from time to time issue bonds of the district to an amount necessary in the  
33 judgment of the trustees ~~therefor~~ for the issuance of bonds, maturing at one time or in  
34 uniform or varying installments with or without call provisions and at or without any  
35 premium.

36                   **Sec. 3. Act effective.** Section 1 of this Act does not take effect unless the Board of  
37 Directors of the Limestone Water and Sewer District acquires title to the Greater  
38 Limestone Wastewater Treatment Facility by July 1, 2010.

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**SUMMARY**

2           This bill establishes a board of directors for the Greater Limestone Wastewater  
3 Treatment Facility. The board is responsible for the regulation, management, operation  
4 and maintenance of the Greater Limestone Wastewater Treatment Facility and for rate  
5 changes and changes in the terms and conditions of service to the Loring Development  
6 Authority of Maine. The provisions of the bill establishing the board do not take effect  
7 unless the Limestone Water and Sewer District acquires title to the Greater Limestone  
8 Wastewater Treatment Facility by July 1, 2010.

9           This bill also increases the district's debt limit from \$1,500,000 to \$5,000,000.