

SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE.

No. 429

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND NINE.

AN ACT to amend the charter of the Portland Water District.

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

Section I. The Portland Water District is hereby author-2 ized to purchase and acquire the interest of the Portland 3 Water Company in its sinking fund now in the hands of Elias 4 Thomas and Fred N. Dow as trustees under the provisions 5 of a contract bearing date August I, A. D. 1887, to secure the 6 issue of one million five hundred thousand dollars of the con-7 solidated four per cent bonds of said Portland Water Com-8 pany, as referred to in said contract, which bonds have been 9 assumed by said Portland Water District and are to be by it 10 paid at the maturity thereof.

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Sect. 2. The Portland Water District is also hereby author-2 ized to purchase and acquire the interest of the Standish 3 Water and Construction Company in its sinking fund now in 4 the hands of the Union Safe Deposit and Trust Company un-5 der a voluntary contract on the part of said Standish Com-6 pany bearing date the first day of January, A. D. 1902 as se-7 curity for the issue of the bonds of the Standish Company, 8 which bonds have been assumed by said Portland Water Dis-9 trict and are to be by it paid at the maturity thereof.

Sect. 3. For the purpose of determining the fair value of 2 said sinking funds three disinterested persons shall be select-3 ed, one by the Trustees of the Portland Water Company and 4 the Standish Water and Construction Company, one by the 5 Trustees of the Portland Water District, and the two so 6 selected shall select a third, and the decision of said Ap-7 praisers, or a majority thereof, as to such values, shall be 8 conclusive and binding upon all the parties aforesaid.

Sect. 4. Said sinking funds when so acquired shall con-2 tinue to be held and managed solely for the purposes of the 3 contracts aforesaid under which they now are held. Noth-4 ing herein contained shall in any way affect or abridge the 5 equitable rights of the holders of said Water Company bonds 6 in and under the trusts now attaching to both said sinking 7 funds.

Sect. 5. For accomplishing the purposes of this act, said 2 Water District, through its trustees, is authorized to bor-3 row money temporarily and to issue therefor the interest-

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4 bearing negotiable notes of the District, and for the purpose 5 of refunding the indebtedness so created, or for the pur-6 poses of this act, the said Water District, through its trus-7 tees, may from time to time issue bonds of the District to 8 an amount or amounts necessary for the purposes afore-9 said. Said notes and bonds shall be subject to all the pro-10 visions of chapter four hundred and thirty-three of the 11 Private and Special Laws of Maine for the year one thou-12 sand nine hundred and seven entitled, "An Act to incorpor-13 ate the Portland Water District."

Sect. 6. After said sinking funds shall be so acquired 2 hereunder, the subsequently accruing income thereon, from 3 year to year, shall be treated and regarded as a part of the 4 sinking fund now required to be annually set aside by said 5 District under the provisions of section fifteen of said chap-6 ter four hundred and thirty-three.

Sect. 7. After said sinking funds shall be so acquired 2 hereunder, the obligations of said Portland Water Company 3 under its said sinking fund contract of August 1, 1887, and 4 the obligations of said Standish Water and Construction 5 Company under its said sinking fund contract of January 1, 6 1902, shall be assumed by said Portland Water District, and 7 said Portland Water District and its Trustees shall succeed 8 to all the rights, powers and privileges which said Portland 9 Water Company and said Standish Water and Construc-10 tion Company and the Directors of said Companies, or 11 either of them, may have had and enjoyed under said con-

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12 tracts, and in case of the death or resignation of the present 13 trustees of said sinking funds, or either of them, the Trus-14 tees of said Portland Water District shall have power to 15 appoint a new trustee or trustees to fill the vacancy.

Sect. 8. After said sinking funds shall be so acquired 2 hereunder, all payments made by said Portland Water Dis-3 trict to the credit of said funds on account of the obligation 4 imposed by Section 7 shall be treated and regarded as a part 5 of the sinking fund now required to be annually set aside by 6 said District under the provisions of Section 15 of said 7 Chapter 433 of the Private and Special Laws of Maine for 8 the year 1907.

Sect. 9. The existing contract of date of August first, 2 A. D. 1908, between the said Water Companies, parties of 3 the first part, and the Trustees of the Portland Water Dis-4 trict, parties of the second part, is hereby ratified and con-5 firmed.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE,

March 17, 1909.

Reported by Mr. BAXTER from Portland and South Portland Delegation and laid on table to be printed under joint rules. F. G. FARRINGTON, Secretary.