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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-SEVEN

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Committee Amendment "A" to H. P. 1595, L. D. 1248, Bill "An Act to Establish the Old Orchard Beach Sewage District."

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Amend said Bill by striking out all of section 3 and inserting in place thereof the following:

**'Sec. 3. Assumption of liabilities.** Said district shall assume and pay any and all indebtedness or liability existing on the part of said town of Old Orchard Beach for sewerage construction, repairs and maintenance as of the date when said district shall become active and assume control of the sewer system of said town; and more particularly, but without limitation, said district is to assume the \$20,000 bond issue of said town now outstanding, plus any additional bond issues, or liabilities, incurred for sewer construction during the municipal year 1947 and as now contemplated.'

Further amend said Bill by inserting after the word "funds" in the 4th line of section 6 thereof, the following: 'not exceeding \$300,000'.

Further amend said Bill by adding at the end of section 4 thereof, a new paragraph to read as follows:

'In case of any crossing of any public utility, unless consent is given by the company owning or operating such public utility as to place, manner, and conditions of the crossing within 30 days after such consent is re-

quested by such district, the public utilities commission shall determine the place, manner and conditions of such crossing; and all work on the property of such public utility shall be done under the supervision and to the satisfaction of such public utility, but at the expense of the district.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of section 11 and inserting in place thereof the following:

**'Sec. 11. Local referendum; effective date.** This act shall take effect 90 days after the adjournment of the legislature only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the territory embraced within the limits of said district, present and voting at a special meeting called and held for the purpose or at an annual town meeting of the town of Old Orchard Beach. Such special meeting or annual town meeting shall be held not later than April 1, 1948. In the event a special meeting is called for the purpose, it shall be called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections; provided, however, that the board of registration in said town of Old Orchard Beach shall not be required to prepare for posting, or the town clerk to post, a new list of voters, and for the purpose of registration of voters, said board shall be in session the 3 secular days next preceding such special meeting, the 1st and 2nd days thereof to be devoted to registration of voters, and the last day to enable the board to verify the correctness of said lists and to complete and close up their records of said sessions. The town clerk shall prepare the required ballots on which he shall reduce the subject matter of this act to the following question: "Shall the Act to Establish the Old Orchard Beach Sewage District be accepted?" and the voters shall indicate by a cross placed against the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same. This act shall take effect for all the purposes hereof immediately upon its acceptance by a majority vote of the legal voters voting at said meeting; but if and only if the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this act in said meeting equals or exceeds 20% of the total vote for all candidates for governor cast in said town at the previous gubernatorial election. The result of the vote shall be declared by the municipal officers of the town of Old Orchard Beach and due certificate filed by the town clerk with the secretary of state.'