

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS  
OF THE  
STATE OF MAINE  
AS PASSED BY THE  
One Hundred and Sixth Legislature  
1ST SPECIAL SESSION  
JANUARY 2, 1974 TO MARCH 29, 1974  
AND BY THE  
One Hundred and Seventh Legislature  
REGULAR SESSION  
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SECTION 164, SUBSECTION 6.

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THE KNOWLTON AND MCLEARY COMPANY  
FARMINGTON, MAINE  
1975

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PUBLIC LAWS  
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Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

R. S., T. 30, § 421, additional. Title 30 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 421 to read as follows:

§ 421. Expending funds at County Jail and Recreation Center;  
Cumberland County

The county commissioners of Cumberland County are authorized to expend up to \$30,000 of unappropriated surplus of county funds for the construction of a roof over the work yard at the county jail and \$3,000 for the Cumberland County Recreation Center in Portland.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective February 4, 1974

## CHAPTER 665

### AN ACT to Regulate Municipal Debt.

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

R. S., T. 30, c. 241, sub-c. II, Art. 1-A, additional. Subchapter II of chapter 241 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding a new Article 1-A, to read as follows:

#### ARTICLE 1-A. MUNICIPAL DEBT

§ 5061. Limitation

1. Limitation.

A. The total debt of any municipality shall not exceed 15% of the last state valuation at 100%, except that said limitation shall be reduced as follows.

(1) Municipalities which belong to a school administrative district shall have their debt limitation reduced by 6¼% of state valuation at 100%.

(2) Municipalities which belong to a sewage district shall have their debt limitation reduced by 3% of state valuation at 100%.

(3) Municipalities which belong to a water district shall have their debt limitation reduced by 2% of state valuation at 100%.

(4) Municipalities which belong to any special districts other than those enumerated above shall have their municipal debt limitation reduced by 1% of state valuation at 100% for each special district to which they belong.

B. —districts. The reductions in debt limitation specified in this Article shall be added together in those municipalities which belong to several special districts.

#### § 5062. Exclusion

The limitations on municipal debt in this Article shall not be construed as applying to any funds received in trust by any municipality, any loan for the purpose of renewing existing loans or for war, temporary loans, loans taken in anticipation of federal or state aid or revenue sharing payments, tax anticipation loans, indebtedness of special districts and indebtedness of any municipality to the Maine School Building Authority.

#### § 5063. Reporting by special districts

Each special district in the State, whether or not its boundaries are coterminous with the boundaries of a municipality, including districts established for the purposes of providing water, sewer, electric, educational, health, transportation, solid waste management, parking or recreation services, or any other public purpose, shall file an annual report of its total outstanding debt. Said reports shall include debts by amount, purpose, creditors, date incurred, interest rate, amortization period, amount of annual principal payments and annual interest payments and assessments and contributions received from municipalities in district to service said debts. The reports shall be filed within 90 days of the effective date of this Act for the immediately preceding fiscal year of each district and, thereafter, shall be filed within 45 days of the end date of each fiscal year. The reports shall be filed with the Maine Municipal Bond Bank upon forms to be provided by it. The information so reported shall be public records.

#### § 5064. Minimum debt limit

In the event that the debt limit of a municipality, as computed by the terms of this Article, results in that municipality having a debt limit of less than 3% of the last state valuation at 100%, each municipality shall enjoy a minimum debt limit of 3% of the last state valuation at 100%.

Director's note: See Public Law, Chapter 788, Section 241 for effective date.

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## CHAPTER 666

### AN ACT Relating to Cruelty to Animals.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 17, § 1092, amended. Section 1092 of Title 17 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 89 of chapter 625 of the public laws of 1973, is amended to read as follows: