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

Effective April 16, 1981

CHAPTER 21

S. P. 254 — L. D. 723

AN ACT to Revise the Charter of the Richmond Utilities District.

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

Sec. 1. P&SL 1961, c. 154, § 22-A, as enacted by P&SL 1979, c. 39, § 10, is amended to read:

Sec. 22-A. Additional method of collection of assessments. If assessments under the provisions of section 19-A of this Act are not paid, and the district does not proceed to collect unpaid assessments by a sheriff's sale of the real estate upon which the assessments are made under section 21-A of this Act, or does not collect or is in any manner delayed or defeated in collecting assessments by a sheriff's sale of the real estate under section 21-A of this Act, then the treasurer, in the name of the district, may maintain an action against the party assessed for the amount of the assessment, as for money paid out and expended, in any court of competent jurisdiction, and in such suit may recover the amount of the assessment with ~~10%~~ interest on the assessment from the date of the assessment and costs.

Sec. 2. P&SL 1961, c. 154, § 24-A, 2nd paragraph, 4th, 5th and 7th sentences, as enacted by P&SL 1979, c. 39, § 10, are amended to read:

The treasurer, when a rate, toll, rent or other charge has been committed to him for collection, may, after the expiration of 3 months and within one year after date when the same became due and payable, in the case of a person resident in the district, **give to the person by certified mail addressed to his last known address,** or give, or cause to be given to the person, or leave or cause to be left, at his last and usual place of abode, a notice in writing signed by the treasurer stating the amount of such rate, toll, rent or other charge, describing the real estate upon which the lien is claimed, and stating that a lien is claimed on the real estate to secure the payment of the rate, toll, rent or other charge and demanding within 30 days after the service of such notice payment as aforesaid. In the case of a nonresident of the district, the notice shall be given by ~~registered~~ **certified** mail addressed to his last known address or by publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the district once a week for 2 successive weeks, and shall demand payment within 30 days after the mailing thereof or the first publication of notice thereof as aforesaid.

At the time of the recording of any certificate in the registry of deeds as heretofore provided, the treasurer shall file in the office of the district a true copy of the certificate and shall mail a true copy thereof by ~~registered~~ **certified** mail to each record holder of any mortgage on the real estate, addressed to the record holder at his last and usual place of abode.

Sec. 3. P&SL 1961, c. 154, § 25-A, as enacted by P&SL 1979, c. 39, § 10, is amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read:

The district may charge interest on overdue assessments, rates, tolls, rents and other charges, commencing 60 days after presentation of the bill, in such amount as may be determined by the trustees from time to time, provided that the interest rate may not exceed the highest conventional rate of interest charged for commercial loans by Maine banking institutions as determined annually by the Treasurer of State in accordance with the Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 505.

Effective September 18, 1981

CHAPTER 22

H. P. 1198 — L. D. 1351

AN ACT to Create the Casco Bay Island Transit District.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, it is the purpose of this Act to create a Casco Bay Island Transit District which may take over service to the Casco Bay islands which have in the past been served by Casco Bay Lines which is presently in bankruptcy; and

Whereas, if the district is to have a realistic opportunity to take over service and to obtain assets from the bankruptcy, it is vital that the district be created at once so that service may be maintained and the purpose of this Act effectuated; and

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:

Sec. 1. Transit district in Casco Bay created. There shall be formed a transit district in Casco Bay for the purpose of providing ferry service among and between the islands of Casco Bay and the mainland, Cumberland County. This district shall be constituted of the people and territory of Peaks Island, Great