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**STATE OF MAINE**

AS PASSED BY THE  
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J.S. McCarthy Co., Inc.  
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**PRIVATE AND  
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subsequent election or elections to be held for that purpose within the time limitation of section 21.

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

Effective May 6, 1983.

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## CHAPTER 27

S.P. 410 - L.D. 1258

AN ACT for the Town of Bethel to Acquire  
the Assets and Liabilities of the Bethel  
Water District and for the Dissolution of the  
Bethel Water District.

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

Sec. 1. Town of Bethel authorized to acquire property of Bethel Water District. The Town of Bethel is authorized, under the terms contained in this Act, to acquire all, but not less than all, of the plant, properties, assets, franchises, rights and privileges owned by the Bethel Water District including, without limitation, all lands, buildings, waters, water rights, springs, wells, reservoirs, tanks, standpipes, mains, pumps, pipes, machinery, fixtures, hydrants, meters, services, tools, equipment and appliances used or useful in supplying water for domestic, commercial, industrial and municipal purposes. The consideration to be paid for them shall be the assumption by the Town of Bethel of all of the outstanding debts, obligations and liabilities of the Bethel Water District including, without limitation, the assumption by the Town of Bethel of any outstanding notes or bonds of the Bethel Water District that are due on or after the date of transfer.

Sec. 2. Bethel Water District required to sell property to the Town of Bethel. Bethel Water District, a quasi-municipal corporation organized and existing pursuant to Private and Special Law 1967, chapter 48 and Private and Special Law 1981, chapter 59, shall sell, transfer and convey by appropriate instruments of conveyance all, but not less than all, of its plants, properties, assets, franchises, rights and privileges including, without limitation, all lands, buildings, waters, water rights, springs, wells, reservoirs, tanks, standpipes, mains, pumps, pipes, machinery, fixtures, hydrants, meters, ser-

vices, tools, equipment and appliances used or useful in supplying water for domestic, commercial, industrial and municipal purposes to the Town of Bethel in consideration of the assumption by the Town of Bethel of all of the outstanding debts, obligations and liabilities of the Bethel Water District including, without limitation, the assumption of any outstanding notes or bonds of the Bethel Water District that are due on or after the date of the transfer.

**Sec. 3. Approval of Public Utilities Commission.** The sale and transfer by the Bethel Water District to the Town of Bethel of its plant, properties, assets, franchises, rights and privileges and the acquisition of them by the Town of Bethel and the assumption by the Town of Bethel of all of the outstanding debts, obligations and liabilities of the Bethel Water District, pursuant to sections 1 and 2, shall be subject to such approval of the Public Utilities Commission as may be required by applicable provisions of the Revised Statutes, Title 35, Part 1.

**Sec. 4. Contracts of Bethel Water District assumed by the Town of Bethel.** All contracts between Bethel Water District and any person, firm or corporation relating to supplying water, which are in effect on the date of the transfer by the water district to the Town of Bethel shall be assumed and carried out by the Town of Bethel.

**Sec. 5. Act void, unless property of Bethel Water District is acquired.** If the plant, properties, assets, franchises, rights and privileges owned by the Bethel Water District have not been acquired by the Town of Bethel, pursuant to this Act prior to December 31, 1984, this Act shall become void on that date.

**Sec. 6. Dissolution and termination of Bethel Water District; pledge of revenues.** If and when all debts, obligations and other liabilities of Bethel Water District have been paid in full and discharged, or the holders or owners of all such debts, obligations and other liabilities which have not been paid in full and discharged have assented to the assumption thereof by the Town of Bethel and to the novation and substitution of the Town of Bethel as obligor in respect thereto in place of Bethel Water District, the clerk of Bethel Water District shall file a certificate to that effect with the Secretary of State and the corporate existence of Bethel Water District shall cease and terminate. Until the corporate existence of Bethel Water District shall have ceased and terminated pursuant to this section, the gross revenues derived by the Town of Bethel from the sale of water within the Town of Bethel shall be applied first to the payment of expense fairly allo-

cable to the operation of the water system in the town and 2nd to payments of debts, obligations and other liabilities of Bethel Water District assumed by the Town of Bethel pursuant to this Act.

Sec. 7. Referendum; effective date; certificate to Secretary of State. This Act shall be submitted to the legal voters of the Town of Bethel at the state-wide election in November, 1983. The referendum shall be advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections.

The town clerk of the town shall prepare the required ballots, on which he shall reduce the subject matter of this Act to the following question:

"Shall the Town of Bethel be authorized to acquire the assets and liabilities of the Bethel Water District and shall the Bethel Water District be dissolved?"

The voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed against the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same.

This Act shall take effect for all purposes immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters voting at the election and further provided that the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this Act equals or exceeds 20% of the total vote for all candidates for Governor cast in the Town of Bethel at the next previous gubernatorial election.

The result of the vote shall be declared by the municipal officers of the Town of Bethel and due certificate thereof shall be filed by the town clerk with the Secretary of State.

Effective September 23, 1983.

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## CHAPTER 28

H.P. 260 - L.D. 320

AN ACT Relating to the Capitalization and  
Board of Directors of the Maine Fidelity  
Life Insurance Company.

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

Sec. 1. P&SL 1955, c. 191, §2, 2nd ¶, as last