

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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without such a premium or premiums, as said trustees shall determine.

Sec. 9. P&SL 1953, c. 84, §15, 2nd sentence is amended to read:

Said water ~~and sewer~~ rates shall be so established as to provide revenue for the following purposes:

Sec. 10. P&SL 1953, c. 84, §15, sub-§1 is amended to read:

1. To pay current expenses for operating and maintaining the water system ~~and sewer system~~.

Sec. 11. Power of selectmen. The selectmen of the Town of Norridgewock shall have the power and authority to provide for adequate sewerage facilities for the collection, discharge and disposition of sewerage as may be necessary for the convenience and health of the inhabitants of the town. The provision of a sewerage facility by the selectmen shall be in conformity with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, chapter 161, subchapter I.

Sec. 12. Referendum; emergency clause. Except for section 2, this Act shall take effect when approved. Section 2 shall take effect when approved only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the Town of Norridgewock at a regular town meeting or at a special town meeting to be called and held for that purpose within 90 days of the approval of this Act. The regular or special town meeting shall be called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal election; provided that the selectmen of the town shall not be required to prepare for posting, nor the town clerk to post, a new list of voters and for the purpose of registration of voters the board of voter registration shall be in session on the secular day next preceding the regular or special election. The voters of the water district shall vote on the following question:

“Shall the provision in the Act to amend the Norridgewock Water District charter expanding the geographic boundaries of the district to include those parts of the Town of Norridgewock not presently included in the district be accepted?”

The legal voters of the Town of Norridgewock not presently residing in the water district shall vote on the following question:

“Shall the provision in the Act to amend the Norridgewock Water District charter expanding the geographic boundaries of the district to include those parts of the Town of Norridgewock not presently included in the district be accepted?”

Section 2 of this Act shall take effect when adopted by a majority of both the legal voters of the Norridgewock Water District and the legal voters of the remaining area of

the Town of Norridgewock not presently included in the district voting at the election.

Effective pending referendum, unless otherwise indicated.

CHAPTER 65

H.P. 1267 - L.D. 1763

An Act Requiring the Bureau of Public Lands to Study the Best Method and Cost of Removing Abandoned Watercraft in the Coastal Waters of the State

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

Whereas, the study proposed by this Act must be completed in time for a report to be submitted to the Second Regular Session of the 114th Legislature and, therefore, it is essential that this study be initiated as soon as possible; 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. Purpose of study. The Bureau of Public Lands is charged and directed to conduct a study to determine the most appropriate and cost effective method of disposing of abandoned watercraft in the coastal waters of the State. This study shall include a discussion of alternative methods available to dispose of those watercraft, including a discussion of the permits which may be necessary to dispose of those watercraft; an estimate of the cost of disposal; and recommendations as to funding the cost of disposal and methods, if any are appropriate, to expedite the permit approval process for disposal of abandoned watercraft. The study shall develop a definition of abandoned watercraft and criteria to determine if the watercraft should be disposed of. The study of disposal methods and associated costs shall be limited to those vessels already identified in the report “Study of the Problem of Submerged Watercraft in Coastal Waters of Maine” submitted in January 1988, to the Legislature pursuant to Resolve 1987, chapter 42, by the Bureau of Public Lands, Department of Conservation. In addition, the study shall identify, as well as possible, any additional vessels which have been abandoned in the coastal waters of the State.

Sec. 2. Report. The bureau shall present its findings, together with any recommended legislation, to the Second Regular Session of the 114th Legislature by March 15, 1990.

Sec. 3. Assistance. The director of the bureau shall consult with and seek the advice of the Department of Marine Resources, the Department of Transportation, the United States Coast Guard and the United States Army Corps of Engineers, as necessary. In addition, the bureau may hire a marine salvage consultant to assist in this study.

Sec. 4. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1989-90
CONSERVATION, DEPARTMENT OF	
Public Lands Management Fund	
All Other	\$10,000
Provides funds for contractual services for a marine salvage consultant to study methods of disposal of abandoned watercraft.	

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

Effective June 30, 1989.

CHAPTER 66

H.P. 539 - L.D. 736

An Act to Provide Funding for the Beals Island Regional Shellfish Hatchery

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

Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1989-90	1990-91
MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF		
Bureau of Marine Development		
All Other	\$15,000	\$15,000
Provides funds for the establishment of a grant to the Beals Island Regional Shellfish Hatchery for the hatching and raising of seed clams.		

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 67

H.P. 488 - L.D. 668

An Act to Provide Funds for the Seed Potato Breeding Program

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

Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1989-90
AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF	
Bureau of Agricultural Production	
All Other	\$60,000

This appropriation provides funds on an ongoing basis for the Maine Potato Breeding Program.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 68

S.P. 545 - L.D. 1516

An Act to Provide Funding for Volunteer Literacy Services for Maine Citizens

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

Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1989-90
EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF	
Adult Education	
All Other	\$65,000
Provides funds for salaries, fringe benefits, educational materials, travel and other expenses for the Literacy Volunteers of America - Maine.	

See title page for effective date.