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Whereas, changes need to be made to the charter of the East Pittston Water District; and

Whereas, the changes need to take effect immediately to ensure the proper operation of the district; 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. P&SL 1987, c. 144, §13-A is enacted to read:

Sec. 13-A. State funds exempt from investigation. The management and allocation by the East Pittston Water District of a contribution of funds by the State under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 568, subsection 2 and the income from those funds are not subject to investigation or review by the Public Utilities Commission under Title 35-A, section 310, 1302 or 1303, except upon request by the Department of Environmental Protection.

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

Effective April 9, 1992.

CHAPTER 111

S.P. 962 - L.D. 2434

An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$12,000,000 for Water Pollution Control Facilities Construction

Preamble. Two thirds of both Houses of the Legislature deeming it necessary in accordance with the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 14, to authorize the issuance of bonds on behalf of the State of Maine to provide funds for the construction of water pollution control facilities.

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

Sec. 1. Authorization of bonds to provide for the construction of water pollution control facilities. The Treasurer of State is authorized, under the direction of the Governor, to issue bonds in the name and behalf of the State in an amount not exceeding \$12,000,000 to raise funds for the construction of water pollution control facilities as authorized by section 6. The

bonds are a pledge of the full faith and credit of the State. The bonds may not run for a period longer than 10 years from the date of the original issue of the bonds. At the discretion of the Treasurer of State, with the approval of the Governor, any issuance of bonds may contain a call feature.

Sec. 2. Records of bonds issued to be kept by the State Auditor and Treasurer of State. The State Auditor shall keep an account of the bonds, showing the number and amount of each, the date when payable and the date of delivery of the bonds to the Treasurer of State. The Treasurer of State shall keep an account of each bond showing the number of the bond, the name of the successful bidder to whom sold, the amount received for the bond, the date of sale and the date when payable.

Sec. 3. Sale; how negotiated; proceeds appropriated. The Treasurer of State may negotiate the sale of the bonds by direction of the Governor, but no bond may be loaned, pledged or hypothecated on behalf of the State. The proceeds of the sale of the bonds, which must be held by the Treasurer of State and paid by the Treasurer of State upon warrants drawn by the State Controller, are appropriated solely for the purposes set forth in this Act. Any unencumbered balances remaining at the completion of the projects in section 6 lapse to the debt service account established for the retirement of these bonds.

Sec. 4. Interest and debt retirement. The Treasurer of State shall pay interest due or accruing on any bonds issued under this Act and all sums coming due for payment of bonds at maturity.

Sec. 5. Disbursement of bond proceeds. The proceeds of the bonds must be expended as set out in section 6 under the direction and supervision of the Department of Environmental Protection.

Sec. 6. Allocations from General Fund bond issue; cost of capital construction for water pollution control facilities. The proceeds of the sale of bonds must be expended as designated in the following schedule.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

State revolving loan fund	\$5,500,000
Small community and overboard discharge programs	2,000,000
Water pollution control facilities	<u>4,500,000</u>
TOTAL ALLOCATIONS	\$12,000,000

Sec. 7. Contingent upon ratification of bond issue. Sections 1 to 6 do not become effective unless the

people of the State have ratified the issuance of bonds as set forth in this Act.

Sec. 8. Appropriation balances at year end.

At the end of each fiscal year, all unencumbered appropriation balances representing state money carry forward. Bond proceeds that have not been expended within 10 years after the date of the sale of the bonds lapse to General Fund debt service.

Sec. 9. Bonds authorized but not issued. Any bonds authorized but not issued, or for which bond anticipation notes are not issued within 5 years of ratification of this Act, are deauthorized and may not be issued; except that the Legislature may, within 2 years after the expiration of that 5-year period, extend the period for issuing any remaining unissued bonds or bond anticipation notes for an additional amount of time not to exceed 5 years.

Sec. 10. Referendum for ratification; submission at general election; form of question; effective date. This Act must be submitted to the legal voters of the State of Maine at the next general election in the month of November following passage of this Act. The municipal officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a general election, to vote on the acceptance or rejection of this Act by voting on the following question:

“Do you favor a \$12,000,000 bond issue for the construction of water pollution control facilities, providing the state match for approximately \$30,000,000 in federal money?”

The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question and designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square below the word “Yes” or “No.” The ballots must be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review the returns and, if a majority of the legal votes are in favor of the Act, the Governor shall proclaim the result without delay, and the Act becomes effective 30 days after the date of the proclamation.

The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this Act necessary to carry out the purpose of this referendum.

Effective pending referendum.

CHAPTER 112

H.P. 1743 - L.D. 2432

An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$8,000,000 for Capital Repairs to State Facilities

Preamble. Two thirds of both Houses of the Legislature deeming it necessary in accordance with the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 14, to authorize the issuance of bonds on behalf of the State of Maine to provide funds for capital repairs to state facilities.

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

Sec. 1. Authorization of bonds to provide for capital repairs to state facilities. The Treasurer of State is authorized, under the direction of the Governor, to issue bonds in the name and behalf of the State in an amount not exceeding \$8,000,000 to raise funds for capital repairs to state facilities as authorized by section 6. The bonds are a pledge of the full faith and credit of the State. The bonds may not run for a period longer than 5 years from the date of the original issue of the bonds. At the discretion of the Treasurer of State, with the approval of the Governor, any issuance of bonds may contain a call feature.

Sec. 2. Records of bonds issued to be kept by the State Auditor and Treasurer of State. The State Auditor shall keep an account of the bonds, showing the number and amount of each, the date when payable and the date of delivery of the bonds to the Treasurer of State. The Treasurer of State shall keep an account of each bond showing the number of the bond, the name of the successful bidder to whom sold, the amount received for the bond, the date of sale and the date when payable.

Sec. 3. Sale; how negotiated; proceeds appropriated. The Treasurer of State may negotiate the sale of the bonds by direction of the Governor, but no bond may be loaned, pledged or hypothecated on behalf of the State. The proceeds of the sale of the bonds, which must be held by the Treasurer of State and paid by the Treasurer of State upon warrants drawn by the State Controller, are appropriated solely for the purposes set forth in this Act. Any unencumbered balances remaining at the completion of the projects in section 6 lapse to the debt service account established for the retirement of these bonds.

Sec. 4. Interest and debt retirement. The Treasurer of State shall pay interest due or accruing on any bonds issued under this Act and all sums coming due for payment of bonds at maturity.