

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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## CHAPTER 65

H.P. 435 - L.D. 554

**An Act to Establish a Pilot Project to  
Mediate Certain  
Environmental Disputes**

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

**Sec. 1. Pilot project.** The Department of Environmental Protection shall undertake a pilot project to evaluate the use of mediation to assist in resolving disputes among numerous parties involving the cleanup of designated and undesignated uncontrolled hazardous waste sites and the allocation of clean-up expenses among responsible parties. The department may not mediate law enforcement matters without the approval of the Attorney General. The pilot project must be completed by June 1, 1996.

**Sec. 2. Report.** The Department of Environmental Protection shall report the status of the pilot project to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters no later than January 1, 1996 and shall provide a final report evaluating the use of mediation no later than November 1, 1996.

**Sec. 3. Use of alternative dispute resolution.** This Act may not be construed to limit the ability of the Department of Environmental Protection to use alternative dispute resolution techniques when the department determines those techniques are appropriate, provided that the department obtains approval of the Attorney General to use alternative dispute resolution techniques to resolve disputes involving law enforcement matters.

See title page for effective date.

## CHAPTER 66

H.P. 1237 - L.D. 1664

**An Act to Increase the Debt Limit for  
the Richmond Utilities District**

**Mandate preamble.** This measure requires one or more local units of government to expand or modify activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues but does not provide funding for at least 90% of those expenditures. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 21, two thirds of all of the members elected to each House have determined it necessary to enact this measure.

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

Whereas, it is necessary that this legislation be enacted as an emergency in order for the Richmond Utilities District to immediately borrow money to upgrade 2 pump stations and to construct new sewers and storm drains to correct a seriously overloaded wastewater treatment plant; 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 1961, c. 154, §14-A,** as enacted by P&SL 1979, c. 39, §3, is amended by amending the first sentence to read:

For accomplishing the purpose of this Act, the district, by vote of its board of trustees, without district vote except as hereinafter provided, is hereby authorized to borrow money temporarily and to issue ~~therefor~~ its negotiable notes; and for the purpose of renewing and refunding the indebtedness so created, of paying ~~any~~ necessary expenses and liabilities incurred under the provisions of this Act, and in acquiring properties, paying damages, laying pipes, mains, sewers, drains and conduits, purchasing, constructing, maintaining and operating a water system and a sewerage system and making renewals, additions, extensions and improvements to such systems and to cover interest payments during ~~any~~ the period of construction, ~~said~~ the Richmond Utilities District, by votes of its board of trustees, without district vote except as hereinafter provided, is also hereby authorized to issue, from time to time, bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness of the district in such amount or amounts, bearing interest at such rate or rates, and having such terms and provisions as the trustees shall determine; ~~provided except~~ that the total indebtedness of the district shall ~~may~~ not exceed the sum of ~~\$1,500,000~~ \$3,000,000 at any one time outstanding and ~~provided, further, that~~ in the case of a vote by the trustees to authorize bonds or notes to pay for the acquisition of property, except for the original acquisition of property of Richmond Water Works, for the cost of a water system or sewerage system or part ~~thereof~~ of a water system or sewerage system, for renewals or additions or for other improvements in the nature of capital costs, the estimated cost of which singly or in the aggregate included in any one financing is \$30,000 or more, but not for renewing or refunding existing indebtedness