# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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#### **CHAPTER 9**

#### H.P. 32 - L.D. 26

### An Act to Amend the Charter of the Kingfield Water District

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

**Sec. 1. P&SL 1951, c. 103, §6,** as amended by P&SL 1983, c. 77, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

Sec. 6. Board of trustees; election; powers and duties. The affairs of the district are managed by the board of trustees. The organization, powers and duties, compensation and retirement of the trustees are as provided in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 6303, subsections 3, 4 and 5. The board of trustees consists of 5 trustees who serve 3-year terms. The annual meeting of the inhabitants of the district is on the same day as the annual town meeting of the Town of Kingfield. At each annual meeting of the district, the voters of the district shall elect a trustee or trustees, each to hold office for a term of 3 years. The procedures for nomination and election of a trustee are as provided in Title 35-A, section 6303, subsection 2. Each trustee holds office until a qualified successor is elected and signifies acceptance of the office. In the case of the resignation or disqualification of a trustee or the inability of a trustee to serve, the selectmen of the Town of Kingfield shall declare a vacancy in the office and select a new trustee to serve the balance of the term. A person is disqualified to serve as trustee if that person's principal place of residence is outside the district or the person is a member of the board of selectmen of the Town of Kingfield.

**Sec. 2. P&SL 1951, c. 103, §7** is repealed.

**Sec. 3. Application.** This Act does not alter the terms of trustees serving on the effective date of this Act.

See title page for effective date.

#### **CHAPTER 10**

S.P. 151 - L.D. 337

#### An Act to Increase the Debt Limit of 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 amended by P&SL 1993, c. 66, §1, 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 provided, is authorized to borrow money temporarily and to issue its negotiable notes; and for the purpose of renewing and refunding the indebtedness so created, of paying 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 the period of construction, the Richmond Utilities District, by votes of its board of trustees, without district vote except as provided, is also 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 determine; except that the total indebtedness of the district may not exceed the sum of \$1,500,000 \$2,000,000 at any one time outstanding and 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 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