

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**OF THE**  
**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

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**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4**

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**J.S. McCarthy Company**  
**Augusta, Maine**  
**1995**

"Do you favor the dissolution of the Sabattus Water District and the acquisition of the assets and liabilities of the Sabattus Water District by the Sabattus Sanitary District?"

This Act also must be submitted to the Trustees of the Sabattus Water District for a ratification vote at any trustees' meeting.

This Act takes effect for all purposes immediately upon its acceptance by the Trustees of the Sabattus Water District and by a majority of the legal voters of Sabattus voting at the election.

The results of the election must be declared by the municipal officers of the Town of Sabattus and due certificate thereof filed by the town clerk with the Secretary of State. The trustees of the Sabattus Water District shall certify the results of their vote and file the certification with the Secretary of State.

Effective pending referendum.

**CHAPTER 27**

**H.P. 943 - L.D. 1332**

**An Act to Authorize the Town of Topsham to Increase the Amount the Town May Contribute to the Construction Costs of Sewers That Belong or May Later Belong to the Topsham Sewer District**

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

**Whereas,** the United States Government is in the process of constructing a bypass between the Town of Brunswick and the Town of Topsham that goes through undeveloped lands in the Town of Topsham; and

**Whereas,** the Town of Topsham desires to have an industrial or commercial zone adjacent to the bypass to increase the town's tax base and a town meeting must approve any contribution toward the construction costs of sewer projects; and

**Whereas,** the annual town meeting is being held in May and to save time and money the sewers should be built before the bypass is completed; and

**Whereas,** the town and the district need time to make plans for this construction; 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 1957, c. 128, §13,** as enacted by P&SL 1963, c. 49, §3, is amended to read:

**Sec. 13. Town of Topsham authorized to contribute to construction costs.** The Town of Topsham may ~~from time to time~~ contribute ~~to the expense of funds~~ to pay for some or all of the expenses associated with the construction and or reconstruction of the sewers belonging to of the Topsham Sewer District up to but not exceeding 1/2 the costs of such construction by so voting at any annual or special town meeting. Said ~~The~~ town may raise money for ~~such these~~ purposes in whole or part by any lawful means, including, but not limited to, by taxation or may issue, by issuance of its notes for the payment of its share in whole or part or may issue by issuance of its bonds under the Maine Revised Statutes of 1954, chapter 53, Title 30-A, section 437 for the payment of its share in whole or part 5111.

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

Effective June 9, 1995.

**CHAPTER 28**

**S.P. 381 - L.D. 1058**

**An Act Concerning the Richmond Utilities District**

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

**Sec. 1. P&SL 1995, c. 10, §2** is amended by amending the last paragraph by adding at the end the following:

Failure of approval by the necessary majority of voters at any election held under this section does not prevent a subsequent election or elections from being held prior to December 15, 1996.

See title page for effective date.