

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,
TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

J.S. McCarthy Company
Augusta, Maine
1995

Sec. 2. Attribution of costs. The expenses identified in section 1 of this Act are attributed as follows.

	1996-97
General Fund	\$4,700,000
Non-General Fund	1,872,831
Participating Local District and Other	749,132
TOTAL	\$7,321,963

Sec. 3. Transfers of allocations; year-end balances. Transfers of allocations and carry forwards of unexpended balances must be carried out in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 17103, subsection 13.

Sec. 4. Collective bargaining agreement approval. As required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 17103, subsection 14, collective bargaining agreements for fiscal year 1995-96 and fiscal year 1996-97 between the Maine State Retirement System and the Maine State Employees Association for the retirement system's administrative service, professional technical and supervisory bargaining units are approved.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect July 1, 1996.

Effective July 1, 1996.

CHAPTER 59

H.P. 1176 - L.D. 1608

An Act Creating a Process for Municipalities to Withdraw from the Cobbossee Watershed District

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

Sec. 1. P&SL 1971, c. 95, sub-§§16 and 17 are enacted to read:

Sec. 16. Procedure for municipal withdrawal from district. The voters of a municipality may, in accordance with the procedures of this section and the secret ballot referendum or initiative provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 2528, elect to withdraw from the district.

1. The municipal officers of the municipality considering withdrawal must notify the executive director of the district or chair of the board of trustees,

in writing, at least 45 days before the date of the referendum vote. Timely notice must also be provided in the same manner of the time, date and place of the public hearing to be provided pursuant to Title 30-A, section 2528, subsection 5.

2. The municipal officers shall cause the question to be placed on the ballot in the following form: "Shall the voters of the (town or city) of _____ elect to withdraw from the Cobbossee Watershed District, with the withdrawal becoming effective at the conclusion of the district's current fiscal year?" The voters shall indicate by a cross or a check mark placed against the word "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same.

3. If a majority of the registered voters casting a ballot on the withdrawal question elect to withdraw from the district, the withdrawal becomes effective at the conclusion of the district's fiscal year, but only if the total number of votes cast for and against withdrawal equal or exceed 15% of the total vote for all candidates for Governor cast in that municipality at the immediately preceding gubernatorial election.

4. If a majority of the registered voters casting a ballot on the withdrawal question do not elect to withdraw from the district, or if the total number of votes cast for and against the question is less than 15% of the total vote for all candidates for Governor cast by voters in that municipality at the immediately preceding gubernatorial election, the withdrawal process established by this section is not available to the municipality for a period of 2 years from the date of the unsuccessful withdrawal vote.

Sec. 17. Distribution of liabilities upon withdrawal. The district shall develop a process for equitably distributing the district's financial liabilities to a municipality that elects to withdraw from the district in accordance with section 16. The process must be developed not later than January 1, 1997.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 60

H.P. 1201 - L.D. 1651

An Act Concerning the Seasonal Sale of Reformulated Gasoline

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

Sec. 1. Report. The Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall develop recommendations regarding the seasonal sale and geographic distribution of reformulated gasoline. In developing these recommendations, the commissioner shall