

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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J.S. McCarthy Company
Augusta, Maine
1997

sinking fund ~~shall~~ must be devoted to the retirement of the ~~long-term~~ long-term and ~~short-term~~ short-term obligations of the district or invested in such securities as savings banks are allowed to hold. In addition to the establishment of a sinking fund, the board of trustees may issue long-term bonds or notes payable in such annual installments as the board, subject to the approval of the Public Utilities Commission, may determine and, in that event, the rates ~~shall~~ must provide for the payment in each year of the annual installments of principal due in each such year; and

3. Surplus. Any surplus may, at the discretion of the ~~aforsaid~~ board of trustees, be transferred in whole or in part to the treasurer of the Town of Van Buren for the use of the inhabitants thereof.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 69

S.P. 824 - L.D. 2214

**An Act to Repeal the Laws
Governing the Jackman Water
District and the Jackman Sewer
District**

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

Sec. 1. P&SL 1969, c. 88, as amended, is repealed.

Sec. 2. P&SL 1971, c. 119, as amended, is repealed.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 70

H.P. 1584 - L.D. 2215

**An Act to Establish Municipal Cost
Components for Unorganized
Territory Services To Be Rendered
in Fiscal Year 1998-99**

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

Whereas, prompt determination and certification of the municipal cost components in the Unorganized Territory Tax District is necessary to the establishment of a mill rate and the levy of the Unorganized Territory Educational and Services Tax; 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. Municipal cost components for services rendered. In accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, chapter 115, the Legislature determines that the net municipal cost component for services and reimbursements to be rendered in fiscal year 1998-99 is as follows:

Audit - Fiscal Administration	\$108,207
Education	9,728,364
Forest Fire Protection	150,000
Human Services - General Assistance	69,610
Property Tax Assessment - Operations	475,120
Maine Land Use Regulation Commission - Operations	168,273

Total State Agencies	\$10,699,574
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County reimbursement for services:

Aroostook	\$568,016
Franklin	324,025
Hancock	36,656
Oxford	277,394
Penobscot	651,182
Piscataquis	398,900
Somerset	581,015
Washington	316,784

Total County Services	\$3,153,972
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TOTAL REQUIREMENTS	\$13,853,546
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COMPUTATION OF ASSESSMENT

Requirements	\$13,853,546
Less Deductions:	

General -	
State Revenue Sharing	\$210,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	50,000
Transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance	2,700,000

Total	\$2,960,000
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Educational -	
Lands Reserved Trust	\$100,000
Tuition/Travel	200,000
Miscellaneous	1,500

Salary Savings - Brookton	
Personnel	300,000
Special - Retirement	150,000
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Total	\$751,500
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	<hr/> (\$3,711,500)
TAX ASSESSMENT	<hr/> \$10,142,046

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

Effective March 26, 1998.

CHAPTER 71

S.P. 854 - L.D. 2267

**An Act to Amend the Charter of
Great Northern Paper, Inc.**

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

Sec. 1. Sale of electricity. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A or the provisions of any private and special law enacted prior to the effective date of this Act, including Private and Special Law 1917, chapter 94, section 2 and Private and Special Law 1969, chapter 62, Great Northern Paper, Inc. and its successors in interest are authorized to continue to furnish electricity over electric lines with a total continuous transfer capacity not to exceed 251 megawatts to and from the pulp and paper production and related facilities that are located in the Town of Millinocket, referred to throughout this Act as "those facilities," whether or not those facilities are owned by Great Northern Paper, Inc. Since Great Northern Paper, Inc. has not been considered prior to the effective date of this Act an "electric utility" for purposes of furnishing electricity to and from those facilities, neither Great Northern Paper, Inc. nor its successors in interest may be considered an "electric utility," as that term is defined in Title 35-A, for purposes of continuing to furnish electricity to and from those facilities, but it is subject to the laws of general applicability as otherwise may apply to persons engaged in the business of selling electricity in the State.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 72

H.P. 1512 - L.D. 2134

**An Act Related to the Service
Territory of the Kennebunk Light
and Power District**

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

Whereas, an immediate resolution of the dispute involving Central Maine Power Company, the Kennebunk, Kennebunkport and Wells Water District and the Kennebunk Light and Power District is in the best interests of all parties; 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. Kennebunk Light and Power District service. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 2102, the Kennebunk Light and Power District, referred to in this Act as the "power district," may, with the consent of the Kennebunk, Kennebunkport and Wells Water District, referred to in this Act as the "water district," connect its electric transmission or distribution facilities to the water district and sell electric power to the water district without the prior approval of the Public Utilities Commission. If the power district connects its electric transmission or distribution facilities to the water district and sells electric power to the water district, the water district shall pay to the Central Maine Power Company, referred to in this Act as the "company," an amount determined by the Public Utilities Commission to be a reasonable allocation of the company's stranded costs. The Public Utilities Commission shall make its determination of the amount the water district must pay based on the commission's initial determination of the company's stranded costs pursuant to Title 35-A, section 3208. Beginning on the date the water district is disconnected from the electric system of the company, the water district becomes liable for those stranded costs allocated to the water district by the Public Utilities Commission under this Act. The method and timing of payments by the water district to the company must be established by agreement between the water district and the company or, agreement failing, on a schedule determined by the Public Utilities Commission.