

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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

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**J.S. McCarthy Company**  
**Augusta, Maine**  
**1999**

**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. Authority to construct arts and technology center.** Subject to approval of the voters of Maine School Administrative District No. 49 at a referendum conducted on or after January 19, 1999, the Board of School Directors of Maine School Administrative District No. 49 is authorized to construct and equip a locally funded arts and technology center employing a design for the project that includes a technology suite, an auditorium using the structure of the existing junior high school gymnasium, a new junior high school gymnasium and other additions and improvements to the Lawrence Junior-Senior High School complex, with the total cost of the project not to exceed \$5,500,000, including \$4,700,000 from the Town of Fairfield's Bert Williamson Fund previously paid to the district by the municipal officers of the Town of Fairfield, with the balance of the total project costs to be derived from conditional and unconditional gifts obtained by the district through fund raising, available funds of the district from sources other than taxation and interest earnings on the Williamson Fund and other funds described in this section. The additional operating costs of the project during its first 2 years must be paid from conditional and unconditional gifts obtained by the district through fund raising, available funds of the district from sources other than taxation and local appropriations without state participation approved by the voters of the district pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15614, subsection 3. The district is authorized to enter into a design-build contract or to employ other alternative construction arrangements for the project. Notwithstanding the provisions of Title 20-A, sections 15903, 15905-A, 15908 and 15910, or other applicable laws, this project is not subject to approval by the Commissioner of Education or the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services. This Act may not be construed as waiving any building construction standards related to health or safety that apply to school construction projects, and the specifications for the project must be approved by the State Fire Marshal and the Department of Human Services.

**Sec. 2. P&SL 1995, c. 32** is repealed.

**Sec. 3. P&SL 1997, c. 59** is repealed.

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

Effective March 11, 1999.

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### CHAPTER 3

H.P. 717 - L.D. 1007

#### An Act to Repeal the Authorization of Lucerne-in-Maine Village Corporation to Construct Dams and Fishways

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

**Sec. 1. P&SL 1961, c. 188** is repealed.

See title page for effective date.

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### CHAPTER 4

H.P. 96 - L.D. 109

#### An Act to Amend the Charter of the Mars Hill Utility District

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

**Whereas**, there is an immediate need to expand the territory of the Mars Hill Utility District; 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. 143, §1**, as amended by P&SL 1993, c. 17, §1, is further amended to read:

**Sec. 1. Territorial limits; corporate name and purpose.** The inhabitants and territory within the town of Mars Hill and the inhabitants and territory within ~~a certain tract or area, containing 800 acres, more or less, of the town of Blaine, bounded and described as follows: the block or area of land bounded northerly by the town line between the town of Blaine and the town of Mars Hill; easterly by the center line of the Prestile Stream; southerly by the center line of the Pierce Road and an extension~~