

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

**AS PASSED BY THE**

**ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**  
**December 2, 1998 to June 19, 1999**

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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**, it is imperative for the immediate health, safety and well-being of the residents of Matinicus that these vehicles be removed as quickly as possible and that incentives be in place to encourage the removal of these vehicles; 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. Authorize assessment of solid waste disposal fee.** Matinicus Isle Plantation is authorized to assess a solid waste disposal fee for motorized vehicles on the island. The disposal fee assessed pursuant to this Act must be established by the voters of Matinicus Isle Plantation and may not exceed \$500 per vehicle. For purposes of this section, "motorized vehicles" means motor vehicles, trailers and travel trailers.

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

Effective May 26, 1999.

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**CHAPTER 29**

**S.P. 832 - L.D. 2232**

**An Act to Allow the Cumberland County Domestic Violence Unit to Hire 2 New Assistant District Attorneys Immediately**

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

**Whereas**, the 119th Legislature recently passed Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 10, An Act to Strengthen the Criminal Justice Response to Domestic Violence to allow the Cumberland County District Attorney to employ 2 assistant district attorneys in a federally funded domestic violence unit; and

**Whereas**, the federal grant becomes available June 1, 1999 but the Act does not take effect until 90 days after adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 119th Legislature; and

**Whereas**, domestic violence is a serious problem that needs to be addressed as quickly as possible; 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. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue funds to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1999-00	2000-01
<b>ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE District Attorney Salaries</b>		
Positions - Legislative Count	(-2,000)	(-2,000)
Personal Services	(\$96,124)	(\$104,264)
All Other	(2,086)	(2,262)
Deallocates funds allocated in Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 10.		
<b>DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL</b>		
<b>TOTAL</b>	(\$98,210)	(\$106,526)

**Sec. 2. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue funds to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
<b>ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE District Attorney Salaries</b>			
Positions - Legislative Count	(2,000)	(2,000)	(2,000)
Personal Services	\$9,508	\$98,890	104,264
All Other	206	2,145	2,262
Allocates funds for 2 Assistant District Attorney positions in Cumberland County as a result of a federal grant to establish a domestic violence unit in the Cumberland County District Attorney's office. These 2			

positions terminate once the federal grant terminates. Any request to continue those positions beyond that date must be presented to the Legislature for approval.

**DEPARTMENT OF  
THE ATTORNEY  
GENERAL  
TOTAL**

\$9,714	\$101,035	\$106,526
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**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, section 2 of this Act takes effect June 1, 1999.

Effective June 3, 1999, unless otherwise indicated.

**CHAPTER 30**

**S.P. 718 - L.D. 2040**

**An Act to Amend the Charter of the Norridgewock Water District**

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

**Whereas,** the charter of the Norridgewock Water District requires a member of the board of trustees to be a resident of the district; and

**Whereas,** members of the board of trustees are residents of the town and not necessarily residents of the district; and

**Whereas,** the charter limits the salary of the treasurer to \$500 per year; and

**Whereas,** the treasurer's current salary is in excess of the charter limit; and

**Whereas,** in order to be able to maintain the current members and pay the treasurer's current salary, this legislation must be an emergency; 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 1953, c. 84, §1, 2nd ¶** is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

The area within the district is composed of that part of the Town of Norridgewock bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point which is the southwest corner of Map 14, Lot 10 on the Mercer Road, thence southeasterly in a straight line to the intersection of Dodlin Road, so called, and the Smithfield Road, thence northeasterly in a straight line, crossing the Martin Stream Road, to the northeasterly corner of Map 20, Lot 23 on the Waterville Road; thence northwesterly in a straight line to the northwesterly corner of Map 20, Lot 38 on the Skowhegan Road; thence westerly in a straight line across the Kennebec River to the southeasterly corner of Map 34, Lot 51; thence in a straight line to the intersection of Sophie May Lane and the Madison Road; thence southwesterly in a straight line across the Kennebec River to the point of beginning.

**Sec. 2. P&SL 1953, c. 84, §8** is amended to read:

**Sec. 8. Board of trustees.** All the affairs of ~~said~~ the district ~~shall be~~ are managed by a board of 3 trustees, ~~resident herein~~ who shall be ~~must be~~ residents of the town and are appointed by the municipal officers of the town of Norridgewock. They ~~shall~~ hold office as ~~hereinafter~~ provided in section 9 and until their respective successors are appointed and qualified. Whenever the term of office of a trustee expires, the municipal officers of the town of Norridgewock shall appoint a successor to serve the full term of 3 years and in case of any other vacancy arising from any cause, it ~~shall~~ must be filled in like manner for the unexpired term. When any trustee ceases to be a resident of ~~said district~~ the Town of Norridgewock, ~~his~~ that trustee's office as trustee ~~shall be~~ is declared vacant. During ~~his~~ that trustee's term of office, no ~~selectman~~ municipal officer of ~~said~~ the town of Norridgewock ~~shall~~ may serve as a member of the board of trustees of the district.

**Sec. 3. P&SL 1953, c. 84, §9**, as amended by PL 1989, c. 64, §6, is further amended to read:

**Sec. 9. Trustees; how elected; meetings; officers; vacancies filled for the unexpired term.** The first board of trustees ~~shall be~~ is appointed within 10 days after the acceptance of this Act by the voters of ~~said~~ the district, 1 to serve until the 1st annual meeting of the district, 1 until the 2nd, and 1 until the 3rd such meeting. ~~Thereafter~~ After the initial appointment of trustees, 1 member shall be appointed ~~at the time of each annual meeting~~ on May 1st of each year to serve for a term of 3 years. As soon as convenient after their appointment, the trustees first appointed shall hold a meeting at some convenient place in the district, to be called by any member ~~thereof~~, in writing, designating the time and place, and delivered in hand to the other 2 members not less than 2 full days before the meeting; ~~provided, however, that~~ as