

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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31, 2000. ~~The report must contain a district master plan and details of the district's public hearing process in developing the district master plan.~~ The governing board shall report annually on the district's activities to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters beginning on January 15, 2001. The report must include information on the district's projects, financial condition, efforts to inform and to include the public in district projects and the status of projects with respect to the district master plan.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 69

H.P. 1685 - L.D. 2352

An Act to Establish the Administrative Operating Budget for the Maine State Retirement System for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2001

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

Whereas, the 90-day period may not terminate until after the beginning of the next fiscal year; and

Whereas, certain obligations and expenses incident to the operation of the Maine State Retirement System will become due and payable before the 90-day period may terminate; 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 of funds. Administrative operating expenses of the Maine State Retirement System for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001 must be paid from the retirement system's Expense Fund in accordance with the following schedule.

2000-01

MAINE STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Personal Services	\$5,680,700
All Other	2,706,442

MAINE STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

TOTAL ALLOCATIONS \$8,387,142

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

2000-01

MAINE STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

General Fund	\$5,095,189
Non-General Fund	1,857,752
Participating and Other	Local District 1,434,201

MAINE STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

TOTAL ATTRIBUTIONS \$8,387,142

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 agreements approval. As required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 17103, subsection 14, collective bargaining agreements covering the period of March 1, 2000 to February 28, 2003 between the Maine State Retirement System and the Maine State Employees Association for the system's administrative services, professional-technical and supervisory bargaining units are approved. The allocations made in section 1 of this Act and the attributions made in section 2 of this Act include the amounts required to fund the collective bargaining agreements in fiscal year 2000-01. Amounts required to fund the collective bargaining agreements in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03 are subject to a specific appropriation request to be submitted to the 120th Legislature for review and approval.

Sec. 5. Authorization to expend retirement system reserve administrative operating funds. Of the amount authorized to be expended in section 1 of this Act for the administrative costs of the Maine State Retirement System, \$488,000 must be provided from the system's reserve administrative operating funds.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect July 1, 2000.

Effective July 1, 2000.

CHAPTER 70

S.P. 997 - L.D. 2559

An Act to Amend the Charter of Hospital Administrative District No. 4

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

Sec. 1. P&SL 1973, c. 76, §3, first sentence, as amended by P&SL 1975, c. 47, §3, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

To procure funds to carry out the purposes of this Act, the district may, through its board of directors, borrow money and issue bonds and notes therefor to an indebtedness not to exceed 2.0% of the total current state valuation of all towns and plantations that are members of the district.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 71

H.P. 1648 - L.D. 2317

An Act Increasing the Authorized Indebtedness of the Veazie 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 Veazie Sewer District has reached the capacity of its sewage treatment plant and needs immediately to expand its treatment capacity; and

Whereas, the Veazie Sewer District can not increase its treatment capacity unless it gets authority to increase its borrowing capacity; 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 1951, c. 114, §8, first sentence, as amended by P&SL 1985, c. 48, §1 and affected by §2, is further amended to read:

To procure funds for the purposes of this Act, and for such other expenses as may be necessary to carry out those purposes, the district, by its trustees, is authorized from time to time to borrow money and to issue its bonds and notes ~~therefor for the money~~, but ~~shall~~ may not incur a total indebtedness exceeding the sum of ~~\$1,000,000~~ \$2,000,000 at any one time outstanding, unless a higher debt limit is established pursuant to this section.

Sec. 2. P&SL 1951, c. 114, §8, as amended by P&SL 1985, c. 48, §1 and affected by §2, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

In order to establish a higher debt limit for the district, the trustees shall propose a new debt limit for the district, which the trustees shall submit for approval in a districtwide referendum. The referendum must be called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections, except the registrar of voters is not required to prepare or the clerk to post a new list of voters. For the purpose of registering voters, the registrar of voters must be in session on the secular day next preceding the election. The town clerk of the Town of Veazie shall prepare the required ballots with the following question:

"Do you favor changing the debt limit of the Veazie Sewer District from (insert current debt limit) to (insert proposed debt limit)?"

The voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed against the word "Yes" or "No" their opinion on the question. The results must be declared by the trustees and entered upon the district's records. Due certificate of the results must be filed by the clerk with the Secretary of State.

A debt limit proposal becomes effective upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters within the district voting at the referendum. Failure of approval by the majority of voters voting at the referendum does not prevent subsequent referenda from being held for the same purpose. The district may increase its debt limit as often as approved pursuant to this section. The costs of referenda are borne by the district.

Sec. 3. Emergency clause; referendum; effective date. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters within the Veazie Sewer District at a special or