

# 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**  
**2000**

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

Effective July 1, 2000.

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 P&SL 1973, c. 76, §3, first sentence,** as amended by P&SL 1975, c. 47, §3, is repealed and the following enacted in its place: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

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## 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

regular town meeting or election held prior to February 1, 2001. The election must be called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections, except that the registrar of voters is not required to prepare or the town clerk to post a new list of voters. The registrar of voters must be in session on the secular day next preceding the election. The town clerk shall prepare the required ballots, on which the town clerk shall reduce the subject matter of this Act to the following question:

"Do you favor increasing the debt limit of the Veazie Sewer District to \$2,000,000?"

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 municipal officers of the Town of Veazie and due certificate of the results filed by the town clerk with the Secretary of State.

This Act takes effect immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters voting at the election.

Effective pending referendum.

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**CHAPTER 72**

**H.P. 1902 - L.D. 2646**

**An Act to Fund the Collective Bargaining Agreements and Benefits of Employees Covered by Collective Bargaining and for Certain Employees Excluded from Collective Bargaining**

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

**Whereas,** certain obligations and expenses incident to the operation of state collective bargaining agreements will become due and payable immediately; and

**Whereas,** it is the responsibility of the Legislature to act upon those portions of collective bargaining agreements negotiated by the executive branch that require legislative action; and

**Whereas,** the Governor and the Legislature share a desire to address in a timely manner the needs of certain state employees excluded from collective bargaining units; 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:**

**PART A**

**Sec. A-1. Costs to General Fund.** Costs to the General Fund must be provided in the Salary Plan program referred to in Part B, section 1 of this Act, in the amount of \$208,750 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, and in the amount of \$669,929 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, to implement the economic terms of the collective bargaining agreement made by the State and the Maine State Troopers Association for the Maine State Police bargaining unit.

**Sec. A-2. Costs to Highway Fund.** Costs to the Highway Fund must be provided in the Salary Plan program referred to in Part B, section 1 of this Act, in the amounts of \$313,125 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, and in the amount of \$1,004,893 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, to implement the economic terms of the collective bargaining agreement made by the State and the Maine State Troopers Association for the Maine State Police bargaining unit.

**Sec. A-3. Lump sum payment.** Effective within 30 days after the effective date of the collective bargaining agreement made by the State and the Maine State Troopers Association for the Maine State Troopers bargaining unit, each member of the Maine State Police bargaining unit employed by the State on the effective date of the collective bargaining agreement must receive a lump sum payment equal to 3% of the gross wages received from July 1, 1999 to March 31, 2000.

**Sec. A-4. Adjustment of salary schedules for fiscal year 1999-00.** Effective at the beginning of the pay week commencing closest to April 1, 2000, the salary schedules for employees in the Maine State Police bargaining unit must be adjusted by 3%, consistent with the terms of the collective bargaining agreement.

**Sec. A-5. Adjustment of salary schedules for fiscal year 2000-01.** Effective at the beginning of the pay week commencing closest to July 1, 2000, the salary schedules for employees in the Maine State Police bargaining unit must be adjusted by 2%, consistent with the terms of the collective bargaining agreement.

**Sec. A-6. Addition of new salary step for fiscal year 2000-01.** Effective at the beginning of