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or assigns, by purchase or otherwise, of securing sources of supply, taking water and land, paying damages, laying pipes, constructing and maintaining and operating a water, sewerage and drainage system, and making extensions, additions and improvements to the same, the ~~said~~ district through its trustees may from time to time issue bonds of the district to an amount necessary in the judgment of the trustees ~~therefor~~ for the issuance of bonds, maturing at one time or in uniform or varying installments with or without call provisions and at or without any premium.

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

Effective April 16, 2009.

CHAPTER 6

S.P. 287 - L.D. 740

An Act To Validate the Property Tax Commitments in the Towns That are Members of Community School District No. 9

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

Whereas, the towns of Crystal, Dyer Brook, Island Falls, Merrill, Oakfield and Smyrna are the member towns of Community School District No. 9; and

Whereas, in accordance with the school budget validation process mandated by state law, the voters of Community School District No. 9 repeatedly rejected the school budget as proposed by the district's board of directors during the summer and fall of 2008; and

Whereas, the repeated rejection of the school budget by the voters prevented the member towns of the district from committing their property taxes in a timely manner, which led to the necessary and budgeted expenditures of those communities exceeding their revenues; and

Whereas, the 6 member towns of Community School District No. 9 committed their property taxes on the basis of a reasonably estimated school district budget; 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. Validation and authorization. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the property taxes committed by the towns of Crystal, Dyer Brook, Island Falls, Merrill, Oakfield and Smyrna in 2008 are validated.

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

Effective April 16, 2009.

CHAPTER 7

H.P. 28 - L.D. 33

An Act To Change the Name of Township 16, Range 4, WELS, to Madawaska Lake

Mandate preamble. This measure requires one or more local units of government to expand or modify activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues but does not provide funding for at least 90% of those expenditures. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 21, 2/3 of all of the members elected to each House have determined it necessary to enact this measure.

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

Whereas, this legislation proposes a referendum to ratify changing the name of the unorganized area referred to currently as Township 16, Range 4, WELS, and located in Aroostook County to Madawaska Lake. The proposal results from the desire of residents of the township to preserve the area's identity and to erect signs to indicate this name; 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. Madawaska Lake. Wherever the designation Township 16, Range 4, WELS, appears or reference is made to that unorganized territory, that designation or reference means Madawaska Lake.

Sec. 2. Referendum for ratification. This Act must be submitted to the legal voters residing in the unorganized territory of Township 16, Range 4,