

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

**AS PASSED BY THE**

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

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**Augusta, Maine**  
**2017**

cated and do not provide sufficient allocations for certain types of private activity bonds that may require an allocation prior to the effective date of this Act if not enacted on an emergency basis; and

**Whereas**, if these bond issues must be delayed due to the lack of available state ceiling, the rates and terms under which these bonds may be issued may be adversely affected, resulting in increased costs to beneficiaries or even unavailability of financing for certain projects; 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 to the Treasurer of State.** The \$5,000,000 of the state ceiling on private activity bonds for calendar year 2017 previously allocated to the Treasurer of State remains allocated to the Treasurer of State to be used or reallocated in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 363, subsection 5 for calendar year 2017. Five million dollars of the state ceiling for calendar year 2018 is allocated to the Treasurer of State to be used or reallocated in accordance with Title 10, section 363, subsection 5.

**Sec. 2. Allocation to the Finance Authority of Maine.** The \$40,000,000 of the state ceiling on private activity bonds for calendar year 2017 previously allocated to the Finance Authority of Maine remains allocated to the Finance Authority of Maine to be used or reallocated in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 363, subsection 6 for calendar year 2017. An additional \$45,000,000 of the state ceiling on private activity bonds for calendar year 2017, previously unallocated, is allocated to the Finance Authority of Maine to be used or reallocated in accordance with Title 10, section 363, subsection 6. Forty million dollars of the state ceiling for calendar year 2018 is allocated to the Finance Authority of Maine to be used or reallocated in accordance with Title 10, section 363, subsection 6.

**Sec. 3. Allocation to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank.** The \$10,000,000 of the state ceiling on private activity bonds for calendar year 2017 previously allocated to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank remains allocated to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to be used or reallocated in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 363, subsection 7 for calendar year 2017. Ten million dollars of the state ceiling for calendar year 2018 is allocated to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to be used or reallocated in accordance with Title 10, section 363, subsection 7.

**Sec. 4. Allocation to the Finance Authority of Maine as successor to the Maine Educational Loan Authority.** The \$15,000,000 of the state ceiling on private activity bonds for calendar year 2017 previously allocated to the Finance Authority of Maine as successor to the Maine Educational Loan Authority remains allocated to the Finance Authority of Maine to be used or reallocated in accordance with Public Law 2015, chapter 170 and with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 363, subsection 8 for calendar year 2017. Fifteen million dollars of the state ceiling for calendar year 2018 is allocated to the Finance Authority of Maine to be used or reallocated in accordance with Title 10, section 363, subsection 8.

**Sec. 5. Allocation to the Maine State Housing Authority.** The \$50,000,000 of the state ceiling on private activity bonds for calendar year 2017 previously allocated to the Maine State Housing Authority remains allocated to the Maine State Housing Authority to be used or reallocated in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 363, subsection 4 for calendar year 2017. Fifty million dollars of the state ceiling for calendar year 2018 is allocated to the Maine State Housing Authority to be used or reallocated in accordance with Title 10, section 363, subsection 4.

**Sec. 6. Unallocated state ceiling.** One hundred forty million three hundred fifteen thousand dollars of the state ceiling on private activity bonds for calendar year 2017 is unallocated and must be reserved for future allocation in accordance with applicable laws. One hundred eighty-five million five hundred fifteen thousand dollars of the state ceiling for calendar year 2018 is unallocated and must be reserved for future allocation in accordance with applicable laws.

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

Effective May 12, 2017.

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## CHAPTER 6

### S.P. 331 - L.D. 992

#### An Act To Authorize Moving the Town Line between Baileyville and Baring Plantation

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

**Sec. 1. Incorporation.** The territory consisting of all portions of Park Road and the Baileyville Commercial Park now in Baring Plantation, Washington County, is separated and set off from Baring Plan-

tation and incorporated into the Town of Baileyville, Washington County.

See title page for effective date.

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## CHAPTER 7

### H.P. 537 - L.D. 757

#### An Act To Amend the Charter of the Richmond Utilities District

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

**Sec. 1.** P&SL 1961, c. 154, §14-A, as amended by P&SL 1999, c. 23, §1, is further amended to read:

**Sec. 14-A. Authorized to borrow money, to issue bonds and notes.** For accomplishing the purpose of this Act, the district, by vote of its board of trustees, without district vote except as provided, is authorized to borrow money temporarily and to issue its negotiable notes; and for the purpose of renewing and refunding the indebtedness so created, of paying necessary expenses and liabilities incurred under the provisions of this Act, and in acquiring properties, paying damages, laying pipes, mains, sewers, drains and conduits, purchasing, constructing, maintaining and operating a water system and a sewerage system and making renewals, additions, extensions and improvements to such systems and to cover interest payments during the period of construction, the Richmond Utilities District, by votes of its board of trustees, without district vote except as provided, is also authorized to issue, from time to time, bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness of the district in such amount or amounts, bearing interest at such rate or rates, and having such terms and provisions as the trustees determine, ~~except that the total indebtedness of the district may not exceed the sum of \$2,000,000 at any one time outstanding or such other amount as may be established pursuant to section 14-B and in.~~ In the case of a vote by the trustees to authorize bonds or notes to pay for the acquisition of property, ~~except for the original acquisition of property of Richmond Water Works,~~ for the cost of a water system or sewerage system or part of a water system or sewerage system, for renewals or additions or for other improvements in the nature of capital costs, the estimated cost of which singly or in the aggregate included in any one financing is \$30,000 or more, but not for renewing or refunding existing indebtedness or to pay for maintenance, repairs or for current expenses, notice of the proposed debt and of the general purpose or purposes for which it was authorized must be given by the clerk by publication at least once in a newspaper or newsletter having a general circulation in the Town of Richmond and

mailed to district voters and customers via postcard or bill insert. No debt may be incurred under such vote of the trustees until the expiration of 7 14 full days following the date on which such notice was first published and mailed. Prior to the expiration of that period, the trustees may call a special district meeting for the purpose of permitting the voters of the district to express approval or disapproval of the amount of debt so authorized, and the trustees shall call a special district meeting, if within 7 14 full days following the publication and mailing of the notice, there ~~shall have~~ has been filed with the clerk of the district a petition or petitions signed by not less than 50 qualified voters of the district requesting that such a special district meeting be called. If at the district meeting a majority of voters present and voting ~~thereon~~ expresses disapproval of the amount of debt authorized by the trustees, the debt ~~shall may~~ not be incurred and the vote of the trustees authorizing the same ~~shall be~~ is void and of no effect. The bonds, notes and evidences of indebtedness may be issued to mature serially in annual installments of not less than 1% of the face amount of the issue and beginning not later than 2 years from the date ~~thereof of issue,~~ or made to run for such periods as the trustees may determine, but no issue ~~thereof shall of bonds, notes or evidences of indebtedness may~~ run for a longer period than 40 years from the date of original issue ~~thereof.~~ Bonds, notes or evidences of indebtedness may be issued with or without provision for calling the same prior to maturity, and if callable may be made callable at par or at a premium as the trustees may determine. All bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness ~~shall must~~ have inscribed upon their face the words "Richmond Utilities District," ~~shall must~~ be signed by the treasurer and countersigned by the ~~chairman~~ chair of the board of trustees of the district, and if coupon bonds are issued, the interest coupons attached ~~thereto shall to the coupon~~ bonds must bear the facsimile of the signature of the treasurer. All bonds, notes and evidences of indebtedness so issued by the district ~~shall be~~ are legal obligations of the district, which is ~~hereby~~ declared to be a quasi-municipal corporation within the meaning of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30 30-A, section 5053 chapter 120. The district may, from time to time, issue its bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness, for the purpose of paying, redeeming or refunding outstanding bonds, notes or evidences of indebtedness, and each authorized issue ~~shall constitute~~ constitutes a separate loan. All bonds, notes and evidences of indebtedness issued by the district ~~shall be~~ are legal investments for savings banks in the State of Maine and ~~shall be~~ are tax exempt. The district is ~~hereby~~ authorized and empowered to enter into agreements with the State or Federal Government, or any agency ~~or of~~ either, or any corporation, commission or board authorized by the State or Federal Government to grant or loan money to or otherwise assist in the financing of projects such as the district is authorized to carry out,