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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SPECIAL SESSION
June 19, 2018 to September 13, 2018

THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION
NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS
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ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

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

Augusta, Maine
2019

March 19, 2019 between Hospital Administrative District No. 4 and Northern Light Health. Unless a town's charter otherwise provides, the vote must be taken at a town meeting. The municipal officers of each town shall invite the inhabitants of the town to give their opinion on this question by voting on the following:

"Do you favor the merger of Hospital Administrative District No. 4, which is served by Mayo Regional Hospital, with Northern Light Health, a Maine nonprofit corporation, in accordance with the agreement and plan of merger between Hospital Administrative District No. 4 and Northern Light Health dated March 19, 2019, and amending the Hospital Administrative District No. 4 charter in order to facilitate the completion of the merger?"

The results of the vote in each town must be declared by the municipal officers of the town and transmitted to the board of directors of Hospital Administrative District No. 4.

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

Effective April 25, 2019.

CHAPTER 6

H.P. 451 - L.D. 623

An Act To Amend the Charter of the City of Brewer High School District

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 annual compensation for City of Brewer High School District trustees begins in fiscal year 2019-20, which begins July 1, 2019; and

Whereas, to conduct its official business in a financially responsible manner for the benefit of its residents, the City of Brewer must include all upcoming financial obligations in the budget prepared for fiscal year 2019-20; 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 1925, c. 4, §4, 2nd ¶, 5th sentence is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

Beginning in fiscal year 2019-20, each trustee of the City of Brewer High School District receives equal compensation annually as determined by the council of the City of Brewer to be paid from the funds of the City of Brewer High School District.

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

Effective April 30, 2019.

CHAPTER 7

S.P. 504 - L.D. 1585

An Act To Allow the City of Augusta To Adjust the Definition of "Original Assessed Value" for the City of Augusta's Performance Food Group Municipal Tax Increment Financing District and To Validate the Assessment, Commitment and Collection of Property Taxes Dedicated for the District for the Fiscal Years 2018-19 and 2019-20

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 Legislature has established a municipal tax increment financing program, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, chapter 206, as a local economic development tool to permit municipalities to finance new development projects; and

Whereas, the City of Augusta may suffer financial liability because it did not timely complete the steps statutorily required for designation of a municipal tax increment financing district; 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. Authorization to adjust the definition of original assessed value. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 5222, subsection 13, the City of Augusta may define "original assessed value" for the Performance Food Group municipal tax increment financing district designated on July 2, 2016 as the assessed value of the district as of March 31, 2016.

Sec. 2. Authorization to adjust the start date of the district. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, chapter 206, the effective date of the Performance Food Group municipal tax increment financing district is July 1, 2017, with a duration of up to 30 consecutive years.

Sec. 3. Assessment, tax commitment and tax collection of property taxes dedicated for the Performance Food Group district for fiscal years 2018-19 and 2019-20 are ratified, made legal and valid. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 504, the assessment, commitment and collection of the portion of the assessed property taxes for the fiscal years 2018-19 and 2019-20 dedicated to the Performance Food Group municipal tax increment financing district designated on July 2, 2016 is ratified, made legal and valid.

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

Effective May 30, 2019.

CHAPTER 8

S.P. 449 - L.D. 1469

An Act To Amend the Charter of the Rumford-Mexico Sewerage District

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

Sec. 1. P&SL 1971, c. 79, §17, last ¶ is amended to read:

If a surplus exists at the end of a calendar year, it may be transferred to a surplus or capital account ~~which shall that, in total, may~~ not exceed ~~\$25,000~~ \$80,000 or ~~3%~~ 10% of the total sum apportioned in the prior calendar year to the Town of Rumford and Mexico Sewer District, whichever is the larger. The trustees may add to the sinking fund, if any, so much of any excess over ~~said~~ the limitations as they determine advisable, and any remainder ~~shall~~ must be credited on an equitable basis against sums otherwise to be apportioned to the Town of Rumford, the Mexico Sewer District and any persons, firms or corporations other than ~~said~~ the town and sewer district under contract to

pay for the use of the district's facilities during the year as at the end of which ~~such~~ the surplus was ~~so~~ created.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 9

H.P. 863 - L.D. 1189

An Act To Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2020

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

Sec. 1. Allocation. Gross revenues of the Maine Turnpike Authority for the calendar year ending December 31, 2020 must be segregated, apportioned and disbursed as designated in the following schedule.

MAINE TURNPIKE AUTHORITY	2020
Administration	
Personal Services	\$1,236,323
All Other	1,602,478
TOTAL	\$2,838,801
Accounts and Controls	
Personal Services	\$3,211,944
All Other	1,425,848
TOTAL	\$4,637,792
Highway Maintenance	
Personal Services	\$4,728,166
All Other	3,553,281
TOTAL	\$8,281,447
Equipment Maintenance	
Personal Services	\$1,243,333
All Other	2,571,249
TOTAL	\$3,814,582