

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

August 26, 2019

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

January 8, 2020 to March 17, 2020

**THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS

NOVEMBER 25, 2019

**THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS

JUNE 16, 2020

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

**Augusta, Maine
2020**

2. The secretary shall keep a record of the board's meetings. These records are public records as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 402, subsection 3.

3. The treasurer shall keep records of the board's transactions. These records are public records as defined in Title 1, section 402, subsection 3.

4. The treasurer must be bonded in an amount to be determined by the board.

5. A quorum of the board is established in the bylaws of the authority and must include the chair or vice-chair and the secretary or treasurer of the board.

6. The board shall adopt such bylaws and mission statements as are necessary for the legal operation and proper management of the authority.

Sec. 6. Meetings. The bylaws must establish the annual meeting of the board. Additional meetings may be scheduled at the call of the chair or at the written request of any 5 members of the board.

A member who fails to attend board meetings 5 consecutive times may be replaced by the appointing authority. Notification of such absences from the secretary of the board to the appointing authority is sufficient to trigger the appointment of a replacement board member by the appointing authority.

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

Effective February 29, 2020.

**CHAPTER 18
H.P. 341 - L.D. 432**

**An Act To Amend the Greater
Augusta Utility District
Charter**

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

Sec. 1. P&SL 2007, c. 22, Pt. A, §12 is amended to read:

Sec. A-12. Additional methods of collection of wastewater assessments. If assessments under the provisions of section 9 are not paid and the district does not proceed to collect unpaid assessments by a sheriff's sale of the real estate upon which the assessments are made under section 11 or does not collect or is in any manner delayed or defeated in collecting the assessments by a sheriff's sale of the real estate under section 11, then the district, in the name of the district, may maintain an action against the party assessed for the amount of the assessment, for money paid, laid out and expended, in any court competent to try the suit,

and in the suit may recover the amount of the assessment with 10% interest on the assessments from the date of the assessments and costs. In addition to the lien for unpaid wastewater assessments in section 11 and suits for collection described in this section, the district is authorized to disconnect water service for the non-payment of wastewater charges, inclusive of sewer and stormwater drain charges, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 6111-C.

Sec. 2. P&SL 2007, c. 22, Pt. A, §19, sub-§1, first ¶ is amended to read:

1. All the affairs of the Greater Augusta Utility District are managed by a Board of Trustees comprised of 7 voting members, one nonvoting representative of the City of Augusta and one nonvoting representative of the City of Hallowell. The nonvoting representative of the City of Hallowell may vote in the absence of the voting representative of the City of Hallowell. Six voting members are appointed by the mayor of the City of Augusta, with the approval of a majority of the Augusta City Council. One voting member is appointed by the mayor of the City of Hallowell, with the approval of a majority of the Hallowell City Council. One nonvoting member must be the mayor of the City of Augusta or the mayor's designee, and the other nonvoting member must be the mayor of the City of Hallowell or the mayor's designee.

See title page for effective date.
