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Maine Turnpike Authority for the same calendar year. Any balance of any other allocation or subdivision of any other allocation made by the Legislature for the Maine Turnpike Authority that at any time is not required for the purpose named in the allocation or subdivision may be transferred at any time prior to the closing of the books to any other allocation or subdivision of any other allocation made by the Legislature for the use of the Maine Turnpike Authority for the same calendar year subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters. Financial statements describing the transfer, other than a transfer from "General Contingency," must be submitted by the Maine Turnpike Authority to the Office of Fiscal and Program Review 30 days before the transfer is to be implemented. In the case of extraordinary emergency transfers, the 30-day prior submission requirement may be waived by vote of the committee. These financial statements must include information specifying the accounts that are affected, amounts to be transferred, a description of the transfer and a detailed explanation as to why the transfer is needed.

Sec. 3. Encumbered balance at year-end. At the end of each calendar year, encumbered balances may be carried to the next calendar year.

Sec. 4. Supplemental information. As required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1961, subsection 6, the following statement of the revenues in 2025 that are necessary for capital expenditures and reserves and to meet the requirements of any resolution authorizing bonds of the Maine Turnpike Authority during 2025, including debt service and the maintenance of reserves for debt service and reserve maintenance, is submitted.

Turnpike Revenue Bond Resolution Adopted April 18, 1991; Issuance of Bonds Authorized Pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1968, subsections 1 and 2-A	2025
Debt Service Fund	\$41,488,028
Reserve Maintenance Fund	42,000,000
General Reserve Fund, to be applied as follows:	
Capital Improvements	41,771,152
Debt Service Fund under the General Special Obligation Bond Resolution Adopted May 15, 1996; Issuance of Bonds Authorized Pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1968, subsection 2-A	2,442,800
TOTAL	<u>\$127,701,980</u>

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 20
S.P. 974 - L.D. 2257

An Act to Allow School Administrative District No. 52 to Issue Temporary Notes for a Wastewater Treatment Project

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

Whereas, School Administrative District No. 52, referred to in this preamble as "the district," owns and operates a wastewater treatment plant in the Town of Turner for its school facilities and other private users; and

Whereas, the Department of Environmental Protection authorized a project to replace the wastewater treatment plant with a new system with subsurface disposal to address overboard discharge affecting the Nezinscot River; and

Whereas, the voters of the district authorized the issuance of up to \$1,612,000 in bonds to fund the wastewater treatment project; and

Whereas, on March 31, 2021, the district issued a temporary note in the principal amount of \$1,612,000 through the State's Clean Water State Revolving Fund to provide temporary financing for the wastewater treatment project through project completion; and

Whereas, the wastewater treatment project has been unexpectedly delayed due to the COVID-19 emergency and difficulties locating a suitable site for subsurface disposal and is not expected to be completed until August 2025; and

Whereas, under state law, temporary notes issued by the district must mature not later than 3 years from the date the first temporary note is issued; and

Whereas, under the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, the district may not issue long-term bonds for the project until the project is completed; and

Whereas, the unexpected delays have made it necessary for the district to issue temporary notes later than 3 years from the date the first temporary note was issued; 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 the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 1311, subsection 3, paragraph C, School Administrative District No. 52, referred to in this section as "the district," may issue temporary notes in a total principal amount not to exceed \$1,612,000 that mature not later than March 31, 2026 as necessary to finance a project authorized by the Department of Environmental Protection to replace the wastewater treatment plant with a new system with subsurface disposal in the Town of Turner. The district may, as necessary, issue refunding notes or renewal notes pursuant to this section. Any refunding notes or renewal notes issued pursuant to this section must meet the same requirements applicable to temporary notes as described in this section.

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

Effective March 28, 2024.

CHAPTER 21

S.P. 964 - L.D. 2242

An Act to Set a Debt Limit for the Anson and Madison Water 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 Anson and Madison Water District's water main replacement project is under way and the district is paying invoices using a temporary loan; and

Whereas, the temporary financing can be converted to permanent financing only if the district's charter contains a debt limit sufficient to cover the district's debt; and

Whereas, the district is facing an untenable situation as its loan balance increases without having the certainty that its interim financing can be converted to permanent financing and this situation must be ameliorated as soon as possible; 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 2011, c. 6, §2, sub-§1 is enacted to read:

1. District debt limit. Notwithstanding any provision of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, chapter 64 to the contrary, the trustees may issue bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness payable within a period of more than 12 months after the date of issuance up to a total amount of \$20,000,000.

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

Effective April 9, 2024.

CHAPTER 22

S.P. 897 - L.D. 2104

An Act to Amend the Charter of the Wiscasset Water District

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

Sec. 1. P&SL 1983, c. 82, §1 is amended to read:

Sec. 1. Territorial limits; name; purposes. ~~Subject to section 16, the~~ The inhabitants and territory within the Town of Wiscasset ~~shall constitute and the~~ Town of Edgecomb constitute a quasi-municipal corporation under the name of "Wiscasset Water District" for the purpose of supplying the inhabitants of the district with pure water for domestic, sanitary, manufacturing and municipal purposes. All incidental rights, powers and privileges necessary to the accomplishment of the main objectives set forth in this Act are granted to the Wiscasset Water District.

Sec. 2. P&SL 1983, c. 82, §1, sub-§1 is enacted to read:

1. Additional powers; water supply. The district is authorized to supply water to existing customers in the Town of Woolwich as allowed by the final order in Public Utilities Commission Docket No. 85-8, dated January 17, 1985. The district may also supply water to residents in the Town of Woolwich who are located outside the territory of the district to the extent permitted under and in accordance with applicable laws and rules and subject to approval by the Public Utilities Commission if required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A.

Sec. 3. P&SL 1983, c. 82, §1, sub-§2 is enacted to read:

2. Additional powers; contracting with Wiscasset Wastewater Department. The district is authorized to contract with the Town of Wiscasset for the management, oversight, operations and billing