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LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

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THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR SECOND REGULAR SESSION NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS AUGUST 9, 2024

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

Augusta, Maine 2024

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:

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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