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An Act to Eliminate the Debt Limit of the North Jay Water District

(EMERGENCY)

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Presented by Representative LYMAN of Livermore Falls.
Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Oxford.

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

3 **Whereas**, a new water main is needed to allow the North Jay Water District to protect
4 the health of residents served by the district; and

5 **Whereas**, the needed funds would exceed the current borrowing capacity of the
6 district; and

7 **Whereas**, the district needs an immediate increase in its borrowing authority in order
8 to timely schedule the needed improvements; and

9 **Whereas**, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within
10 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as
11 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
12 therefore,

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

14 **Sec. 1. P&SL 1951, c. 107, §9, first sentence**, as amended by P&SL 2003, c. 10,
15 §1, is further amended to read:

16 For accomplishing the purposes of this act, the district, through its trustees, is authorized
17 to borrow money from time to time, ~~not exceeding \$900,000~~ and to issue therefor the
18 interest-bearing negotiable notes or bonds of the district, maturing serially or otherwise,
19 and to make subsequent renewals of the same in whole or in part, and for said purposes and
20 for the purpose of refunding any notes, bonds or other lawful indebtedness, to establish a
21 fund therefor, and for the purpose of obtaining or providing money to pay or to meet any
22 necessary expenses and liabilities incurred or assumed under the provisions of this act,
23 including expenses in the creation of this district, in securing sources of supply, taking
24 water and land, paying damages, laying pipes, constructing, maintaining and operating a
25 water plant and making extensions, additions and improvements to the same, the district,
26 through its trustees, may, from time to time, issue bonds of the district to an amount
27 necessary in the judgment of the trustees therefor, maturing at ~~4~~ one time or in uniform or
28 varying installments, with or without call provisions and at such rates of interest and on
29 such terms and conditions as the trustees determine.

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

32 **SUMMARY**

33 This bill eliminates the debt limit of the North Jay Water District.