

No. M-4. An act relating to amendments to the charter of the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District.

(H.146)

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. CHARTER AMENDMENT APPROVAL

The General Assembly approves the amendments to the charter of the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District as set forth in this act. The District's Board of Supervisors approved the proposals of amendment on December 13, 2022.

Sec. 2. 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 411 is amended to read:

CHAPTER 411. NORTHEAST KINGDOM WASTE MANAGEMENT
DISTRICT

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§ 403. BUDGET HEARING AND ADOPTION

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(b) The Board of Supervisors shall review the proposed budget in light of the oral comments received at hearings and written comments received up to and including the day of the public hearing and shall prepare a final budget to be acted upon by the Board of Supervisors by January 15th ~~to be acted upon at the annual meeting of the District.~~

(c) If the annual budget for any fiscal year is not approved as of the beginning of that fiscal year, the District shall continue to operate on the

budget for the immediately preceding fiscal year until a new budget is approved.

(d) Notwithstanding any disapproval of the budget, the District shall be obligated to pay the principal of and interest on bonds, notes, and other evidence of indebtedness of the District; to satisfy any other obligations relating to the bonds, notes, and other evidence of indebtedness; and to pay obligations under any long-term contracts. To the extent provided by the terms of the bonds, notes, other evidence of indebtedness, or long-term contracts, each member municipality shall be obligated to pay its share of the indebtedness and obligations under long-term contracts. Unless otherwise provided in the vote authorizing the same, a municipality's share of indebtedness shall be determined by the Board of Supervisors and shall be in an amount proportionate to the actual or estimated tonnage or volume of solid waste generated by that municipality as determined by the Board of Supervisors pursuant to section 404 of this charter.

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§ 501. ANNUAL MEETINGS

Annual meetings of the District shall be held on the first Tuesday in March for the purpose of member towns ~~adopting a the budget for the ensuing fiscal year, and for the purpose of conducting~~ consideration of any other properly warned District business.

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Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

Date Governor signed bill: May 8, 2023