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## IN SENATE

## January 14, 2016

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AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to method of collection of charges by the Water Authority of Great Neck North and the Water Authority of Western Nassau County

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Sections 1197-r and 1197-s of the public authorities law are renumbered sections 1197-y and 1197-z and a new section 1197-r is added to read as follows:

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1197-R. CHARGES BY AUTHORITY; METHOD OF COLLECTION. ALL RATES, FEES AND OTHER CHARGES FOR THE USE OR AVAILABILITY OF THE FACILITIES 6 SERVICES OR COMMODITIES PROVIDED OR MADE AVAILABLE BY THE AUTHORITY AND BILLED DIRECTLY BY THE AUTHORITY TO THE USER OR SERVICE RECIPIENT PURSU-7 ANT TO THE RATE SCHEDULES ADOPTED BY THE AUTHORITY AS HEREIN PROVIDED 9 SHALL BE A LIEN UPON THE REAL PROPERTY UPON WHICH, OR IN CONNECTION WITH WHICH, SERVICES ARE PROVIDED OR ARE MADE AVAILABLE, AS AND FROM THE 10 FIRST DATE FIXED FOR A PAYMENT OF SUCH RATES, FEES AND OTHER CHARGES. 11 ANY SUCH LIEN SHALL TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER ALL OTHER LIENS, OR ENCUMBRANC-12 13 EXCEPT TAXES OR ASSESSMENTS. THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF THE AUTHORITY SHALL PREPARE AND TRANSMIT TO THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE, 14 BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF NOVEMBER IN EACH YEAR, A LIST OF THOSE 15 16 PROPERTIES USING SUCH FACILITIES OR FOR WHICH SUCH FACILITIES, 17 COMMODITIES WERE PROVIDED OR MADE AVAILABLE AND FROM WHICH THE PAYMENT OF RATES, FEES AND OTHER CHARGES ARE IN ARREARS FOR A PERIOD OF 18 NINETY DAYS OR MORE AFTER THE LAST DAY FIXED FOR PAYMENT OF SUCH RATES, 19 FEES AND OTHER CHARGES WITHOUT PENALTY. THE LIST SHALL CONTAIN A BRIEF 20 DESCRIPTION OF SUCH PROPERTIES, THE NAMES OF THE PERSONS OR CORPORATIONS 21 22 LIABLE TO PAY FOR THE SAME, AND THE AMOUNT CHARGEABLE TO EACH, INCLUDING PENALTIES AND INTEREST, AS APPLICABLE, COMPUTED TO DECEMBER THIRTY-FIRST 24 OF THAT YEAR. THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE SHALL LEVY SUCH SUMS AGAINST

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

PROPERTIES LIABLE AND SHALL STATE THE AMOUNT THEREOF IN A SEPARATE

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COLUMN IN THE ANNUAL TAX ROLLS OF THE COUNTY UNDER THE HEADING "WATER CHARGE". SUCH AMOUNTS, EXCLUDING PENALTIES AND INTEREST IMPOSED BY THE COUNTY WHEN COLLECTED BY THE COUNTY COLLECTOR OR RECEIVERS OF TAXES, SHALL BE PAID OVER TO THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF THE AUTHORITY. COUNTY IMPOSED PENALTIES AND INTEREST SHALL BE RETAINED BY THE COUNTY COLLECTOR OR RECEIVER OF TAXES WHICH SHALL BECOME A PART OF THE GENERAL FUNDS OF THE COUNTY. ALL OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE TAX LAW OF THE STATE GOVERNING ENFORCEMENT AND COLLECTION OF UNPAID TAXES OR ASSESSMENTS FOR SPECIAL IMPROVEMENTS NOT INCONSISTENT HEREWITH SHALL APPLY TO THE COLLECTION OF SUCH UNPAID RATES, RENTALS, FEES AND OTHER CHARGES.

S 2. Sections 1198-s and 1198-t of the public authorities law, as renumbered by chapter 678 of the laws of 1992, are renumbered sections 1198-y and 1198-z and a new section 1198-s is added to read as follows:

S 1198-S. CHARGES BY AUTHORITY; METHOD OF COLLECTION. ALL RATES, FEES AND OTHER CHARGES FOR THE USE OR AVAILABILITY OF THE FACILITIES OR SERVICES OR COMMODITIES PROVIDED OR MADE AVAILABLE BY THE AUTHORITY AND BILLED DIRECTLY BY THE AUTHORITY TO THE USER OR SERVICE RECIPIENT PURSU-ANT TO THE RATE SCHEDULE ADOPTED BY THE AUTHORITY AS HEREIN PROVIDED SHALL BE A LIEN UPON THE REAL PROPERTY UPON WHICH, OR IN CONNECTION WITH WHICH, SERVICES ARE PROVIDED OR ARE MADE AVAILABLE, AS AND FROM THE FIRST DATE FIXED FOR A PAYMENT OF SUCH RATES, FEES AND OTHER CHARGES. ANY SUCH LIEN SHALL TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER ALL OTHER LIENS, OR ENCUMBRANC-ES, EXCEPT TAXES OR ASSESSMENTS. THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF THE AUTHORITY SHALL PREPARE AND TRANSMIT TO THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE, ON OR BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF NOVEMBER IN EACH YEAR, A LIST OF THOSE PROPERTIES USING SUCH FACILITIES OR FOR WHICH SUCH FACILITIES, SERVICES OR COMMODITIES WERE PROVIDED OR MADE AVAILABLE AND FROM WHICH THE PAYMENT OF RATES, FEES AND OTHER CHARGES ARE IN ARREARS FOR A PERIOD OF NINETY DAYS OR MORE AFTER THE LAST DAY FIXED FOR PAYMENT OF SUCH RATES, FEES AND OTHER CHARGES WITHOUT PENALTY. THE LIST SHALL CONTAIN A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUCH PROPERTIES, THE NAMES OF THE PERSONS OR CORPORATIONS LIABLE TO PAY FOR THE SAME, AND THE AMOUNT CHARGEABLE TO EACH, INCLUDING PENALTIES AND INTEREST, AS APPLICABLE, COMPUTED TO DECEMBER THIRTY-FIRST OF THAT YEAR. THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE SHALL LEVY SUCH SUMS AGAINST THE PROPERTIES LIABLE AND SHALL STATE THE AMOUNT THEREOF IN A SEPARATE COLUMN IN THE ANNUAL TAX ROLLS OF THE COUNTY UNDER THE HEADING CHARGE". SUCH AMOUNTS, EXCLUDING PENALTIES AND INTEREST IMPOSED BY THE COUNTY WHEN COLLECTED BY THE COUNTY COLLECTOR OR RECEIVERS OF TAXES, PAID OVER TO THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF THE AUTHORITY. SHALL BE COUNTY IMPOSED PENALTIES AND INTEREST SHALL BE RETAINED BY THE COLLECTOR OR RECEIVER OF TAXES WHICH SHALL BECOME A PART OF THE GENERAL FUNDS OF THE COUNTY. ALL OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE TAX LAW OF  $_{
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S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.