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House of Representatives, January 17, 1963

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Chapman of Norway.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-THREE

**AN ACT to Amend the Charter of the Norway Water District to Create a
Source of Supply in the Town of Oxford.**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the existing water supply within the territory of the district is inadequate for the needs of those served by said district; and

Whereas, an adequate water supply for said district can be obtained outside the territory of said district and within the adjoining Town of Oxford; and

Whereas, an adequate supply of pure water is essential to the health, welfare and safety of those served by said district; and

Whereas, acts and resolves do not become effective until 90 days after the Legislature adjourns unless passed as emergency measures; 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. & S. L., 1941, c. 55, § 2, amended. Section 2 of chapter 55 of the private and special laws of 1941 is amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 2. May use certain waters. The said district for the purposes of its incorporation is hereby authorized to take, hold, divest, use and distribute water from ~~Pennessewassee lake, Little Pennessewassee lake, Sand pond, and any driven or artesian wells in said town~~ any surface or underground brook, well,

lake, pond, river, stream, spring or vein of water in said Town of Norway or in the Town of Oxford.'

Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1941, c. 55, § 3, amended. The first paragraph of section 3 of chapter 55 of the private and special laws of 1941 is amended to read as follows:

'The said district, for the purposes of its incorporation, is hereby authorized, to take and hold as for public uses, by purchase or otherwise including by right of eminent domain any lands or interests in the Town of Norway **and the Town of Oxford** or water rights necessary for erecting and maintaining dams, for flowage, for power for pumping its water supply through its mains, for reservoirs, **for wells**, for preserving the purity of the water and watershed, for laying and maintaining aqueducts and other structures for taking, distributing, discharging and disposing of water and for rights-of-way or roadways to, its sources of supply, dams, power stations, reservoirs, mains, aqueducts, structures and lands.'

Sec. 3. P. & S. L., 1941, c. 55, § 3, amended. The 2nd paragraph of section 3 of chapter 55 of the private and special laws of 1941 is amended to read as follows:

'The said district is hereby authorized to lay in and through the streets, roads, ways and highways of the ~~town~~ **Towns** of Norway **and Oxford** and across private lands therein, and to maintain, repair and replace all such pipes, aqueducts, and fixtures as may be necessary and convenient for its corporate purposes, and whenever said district shall lay any pipes, or aqueducts in any street, road, way or highway it shall cause the same to be done with as little obstruction as practicable to the public travel, and shall at its own expense without unnecessary delay cause the earth and pavement removed by it to be replaced in proper condition.'

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.