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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-98)
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 498, L.D. 627, Bill,
"AN ACT to Incorporate the Eastport Utilities District."

Amend the Bill in section 14 by striking out all of the first sentence of the 2nd paragraph and inserting in its place the following:

'As soon as may be after acceptance of this Act, the city council of the City of Eastport shall appoint 5 trustees to the district to hold office as follows: 2 to serve until the first annual election of municipal officers of the city following acceptance of this Act; 2 to serve until the 2nd election of municipal officers of the city following acceptance; and one to serve until the 3rd annual election of municipal officers of the city following acceptance.'

Further amend the Bill by striking out all of the 2nd sentence of section 15.

Further amend the Bill by adding at the end of section 15 the following paragraph:

'The Eastport Utilities District shall not increase any sewer rate, toll or other lawful charge without first holding a public hearing at which any person, firm or corporation which pays such rates, tolls or charges to the water district may testify and may question the officials present regarding the proposed increase. The Eastport Utilities District shall, at least 14 days prior to the hearing, publish a notice of the date, time, place and purpose of the hearing in a newspaper in

general circulation in the area encompassed by the water district.'

Further amend the Bill in section 16 by inserting after the words and punctuation "amount or amounts," in the 16th line (14th line in L.D.) the following 'not exceeding the sum of \$2,000,000 outstanding at any one time,'

Further amend the Bill in section 26 in the 11th line from the end (9th line in L.D.) by striking out the words "shall have been" and inserting in their place the words 'shall not have been'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to make the bill creating the Eastport Utilities District consistent with the laws governing other utility districts.

Reported by the Committee on Public Utilities.

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