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No. 362

H. P. 284

House of Representatives, February 6, 1979

Referred to the Committee on Public Utilities. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Dow of West Gardiner.

Cosponsor: Mrs. Reeves of Pittston.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Increase the Membership of the Gardiner Water District to Six.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Gardiner Water District is and will be in the immediate future engaged in major financial activities in order to insure the continued availability of a public water supply for the health and well-being of the inhabitants of the district; and

Whereas, it is essential that the following changes be made to the charter of the district in order to increase the members of the district to six, in order to get the added input and direction in these important decisions; 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 P&SL 1903, c. 82, § 5, first ¶, first sentence, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

All the affairs of the water district shall be managed by a board of trustees composed of six members to be chosen by the municipal officers of their respective municipalities, but no member of the city council or selectmen's office shall, during the term for which he is elected be chosen one of the board of trustees. A breakdown of trustee appointments will be as follows:

Three from Gardiner and one each from Randolph, Farmingdale and Pittston.

Sec. 2. P&SL 1903, c. 82, § 5, first ¶, 3rd sentence is amended to read:

At said first meeting they shall determine by lot the term of office of each trustee so that ~~one two~~ shall serve for one year, ~~one two~~ for two years and ~~one two~~ for three years; and whenever the term of office of a trustee expires the said municipal officers of the ~~city of Gardiner~~ **respective municipalities** shall appoint a successor to serve the full term of three years; and in case any other vacancy arises it shall be filled in like manner for the unexpired term.

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to increase the number of Gardiner Water District trustees from three to six in order to better represent the municipalities served.