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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES BILL SUMMARY



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COMMITTEE: UTILITIES

LD: 57 EMERGENCY AN ACT FOR THE TOWN OF BROWNVILLE TO ACQUIRE THE ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE BROWNVILLE

MASTERMAN

PRAY

ND:

JUNCTION WATER DISTRICT

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HOUSE Emerg. Enacted SENATE Emerg. Enacted GOV EMER SIGNED

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SUMMARY:

The bill authorizes the town to acquire all the property of the District, which supplies water and sewer for several hundred users in the Brownville Junction section of town. In return the town would assume all the debts of the district, and then the district would be dissolved. The town has been operating the water and sewer systems under contract with the district since January 1, 1985. The bill includes a referendum.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-3) was adopted, making a grammatical correction.

LD:

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AN ACT CLARIFYING THE AUTHORITY OF UTILITIES TO ESTABLISH DISCONNECTION AND DEPOSIT RULES

VOSE RICHARD PARADIS E

ND:

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SUMMARY:

The bill prohibits the PUC from requiring any uniformity of disconnection and deposit rules among different utilities for non-residential customers. The present PUC residential rules (ch. 81) apply to utilities generally, except winter disconnect, which applies to all gas & electric utilities. The new non residential rule promulgated March 28th (ch. 86) applies to all.

FISCAL NOTE: FY 86: \$15,437; FY 87: \$21,059 to add a new position to Consumer Assistance Division at PUC.