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Committee Amendment "A" to H. P. 770, L. D. 1067, Bill, "An Act to Incorporate the Calais Water District."

Amend said Bill by striking out in the 6th line of section 2 the words "Public Utilities Commission" and inserting in place thereof the words 'State Bureau of Health'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of section 6 and inserting in place thereof the following:

**'Sec. 6. Board of trustees, how elected; meetings; vacancies.** All the affairs of said district shall be determined and managed by a board of 3 trustees, who shall be residents of said district, elected by the qualified voters of the City of Calais and shall hold office as hereinafter provided and until their successors are appointed and qualified. When any trustee ceases to be a resident of said district, his office as trustee shall be declared vacant by the Calais city council. A successor shall be appointed by the Calais city council to serve only until the next annual municipal election when the voters shall elect a successor for the balance of the unexpired term. Any other vacancy arising from any cause shall be filled in a like manner.

The first board of trustees shall be appointed by the Calais city council within 30 days after acceptance of this act by the voters of said district, one to serve until the first Monday in April next following acceptance of this act, one to serve until the 2nd such Monday in April next following acceptance of this act and one to serve until the 3rd such first Monday in April next following acceptance of this act. Thereafter each year one trustee shall be elected by the qualified voters of Calais at the annual municipal election for a term of 3 years. As soon as convenient after their appointment the trustees first appointed shall hold a meeting at some convenient place in the district to be called by any member thereof in writing designating the time and place and delivered in hand

to the other members not less than 2 full days before the meeting; provided, however, that they may meet by agreement and waiver without such notice. They shall then organize by the election of a chairman and clerk from their own number, adopt a corporate seal and by-laws, and perform any other acts within the powers delegated to them by law. As necessary, they may choose agents and other needful officers who shall serve at their pleasure, and whose compensation shall be fixed by said trustees. They shall choose annually a treasurer to serve for a term of one year, fix the treasurer's salary and fill vacancies in that office. The treasurer shall furnish a bond executed in such sum by a surety company as trustees may approve, and the expense of securing the bond is to be borne by the district.

The trustees shall be sworn to the faithful performance of their duties as such, which shall include the duties of any member as clerk pro tempore. They shall make and publish an annual report which shall also contain a report of the treasurer.

Candidates for election shall file nomination petitions with the city clerk of Calais which petitions shall comply in all respects with the requirements for nomination petitions of candidates for the city council. The city clerk shall add the names of eligible candidates for the office of trustee of the Calais water district to the regular city ballot at each annual municipal election.

No member of the Calais city council shall serve as a member of the board of trustees of the district and the compensation of the trustees shall be \$150 each per year.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out in the 3rd line of section 12 the words "the entire" and inserting in place thereof the words 'part or all of the'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of section 18 and inserting in place thereof the following:

**'Sec. 18. Existing statutes not affected; rights conferred subject to provisions of law.** Nothing herein contained is intended to repeal, or shall be construed as repealing, the whole or any part of any existing statutes and the rights and duties herein mentioned shall be exercised and performed in accordance with all the applicable provisions of the Revised Statutes, chapter 44, and all acts amendatory or additional thereto.'

Further amend said Bill, in the Referendum, by striking out in the 5th line the following words "one year after approval of this act" and inserting in place thereof the figure and words '2 years after the adjournment of the Legislature'