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ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 693

H. P. 491

House of Representatives, January 24, 1963

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Dostie of Winslow.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-THREE

AN ACT to Include Town of Winslow in the Kennebec Water District.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1899, c. 200, § 1, amended. Section 1 of chapter 200 of the private and special laws of 1899, as repealed and replaced by chapter 38 of the private and special laws of 1945, is amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 1. Incorporation. The territory and people **formerly** constituting the Kennebec Water District **and the Town of Winslow** shall ~~continue~~ **constitute** a body politic and corporate for the purpose of supplying the inhabitants of said district and of the Towns of Fairfield, Benton ~~Winslow~~ and Vassalboro and all said municipalities with pure water for domestic and for all other lawful purposes, including municipal, manufacturing, commercial and industrial purposes. The records of the Kennebec Water District are public and meetings of the trustees shall be open.'

Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1889, c. 200, § 5, amended. The first 2 sentences of section 5 of chapter 200 of the private and special laws of 1889, as amended by section 1 of chapter 79 of the private and special laws of 1927, are further amended to read as follows:

'All the affairs of said water district shall be managed by a board of trustees composed of ~~five~~ **7** members. Two of said trustees shall be chosen by the municipal officers of Waterville, 2 by the municipal officers of the Town of Fairfield who shall be residents of the territory comprising the Fairfield Village Corporation as existing January 1, 1927, **2 by the municipal officers of Winslow** and one shall be appointed by the county commissioners of Kennebec County from outside said district.'

Sec. 3. P. & S. L., 1899, c. 200, § 5, amended. Section 5 of chapter 200 of the private and special laws of 1899, as amended by section 1 of chapter 79 of the private and special laws of 1927 and as amended by chapter 146 of the private and special laws of 1955, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read as follows:

‘Notwithstanding any of the foregoing, the first 2 trustees from Winslow shall be appointed as soon as convenient after the effective date hereof, one for a term of 5 years from the first Monday of April, 1964, and one for a term of 6 years from the first Monday of April, 1964; and upon the expiration of said initial terms their successors shall be appointed for a term of 7 years. Beginning with the first Monday in April, 1964, the terms of all other trustees shall be for 7 years, to be filled upon expiration or vacancy as heretofore provided.’

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The first 2 sections of the above bill were enacted by the 100th Legislature with a referendum attached. On December 4, 1961, the City of Waterville approved the act by a vote of 5,464 to 968. On March 5, 1962, the Town of Fairfield approved by a vote of 450 to 150; and on March 12, 1962, the Town of Winslow approved by a vote of 918 to 401. Through inadvertence, no article was included in the warrant of the Winslow town meeting for the referendum, and bond counsel for the district have questioned the validity of the act. The last section is merely to stagger the terms of the trustees to conform with present practice. This bill is to ratify the previous act.