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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
101st LEGISLATURE  
SPECIAL SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 667, L. D. 1640, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Paris Village Corporation."

Amend said Bill in the title by striking out all of the title and inserting in place thereof the following: 'An Act to Amend and Clarify the Charter of the York Harbor Village Corporation.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting in place thereof the following:

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

Whereas, the following legislation will permit the York Harbor Village Corporation to place its assessors on a more permanent basis; and

Whereas, in the interest of good government and the welfare of the people within the village corporation, the following legislation is necessary; and

Whereas, it is vital that the legal voters of the York Harbor Village Corporation be permitted to vote upon the merits of the proposed legislation as soon as possible; 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 P.&S.L., 1901, c. 481, §7, repealed and replaced. Section 7 of chapter 481 of the private and special laws of 1901 is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof.

'Sec. 7. Officials, how chosen; qualification of clerk, treasurer, collector and overseers; appointment of police officers; bylaws; officers shall be sworn; collector and treasurer shall give bond; compensation of officials. The officers of said corporation shall be a clerk, treasurer and 3 overseers, who shall be residents within the limits of the corporation and who shall

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be chosen by ballot; 3 fire wardens, who shall be residents within the corporation and who shall be appointed annually by the board of overseers; and such other officers as the charter or the bylaws of the corporation may require. The clerk, treasurer and overseers shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting of said corporation or at a special meeting called for such purpose as occasion may require and they shall hold office for one year, or until the next annual meeting and, thereafter, until their successors are chosen and qualified. Said officers severally shall have all the powers and authority within the limits of said corporation that corresponding municipal officers elected or chosen by towns now have or may hereafter have. Further, the corporation may determine, at a special meeting held at least 30 days before any annual corporation meeting that the term of office of the overseers shall be for 3 years. Once such determination has been made, it shall stand until revoked at a special meeting held at least 30 days before any annual meeting. The first year in which the overseers are to be elected for a 3 year term the overseer who receives the highest number of votes shall be elected for a 3-year term, the overseer receiving the next highest number of votes shall be elected for a 2-year period and the overseer receiving the third highest number of votes shall be elected for one year, and each year thereafter one overseer shall be elected for a full 3-year term. The board of overseers shall elect by ballot a chairman from its own membership before assuming the duties of office and if no member receives a majority vote for chairman then the clerk shall determine the chairman by lot.'

Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1901, c. 481, §17, additional. Chapter 481 of the private and special laws of 1901, as amended, is further amended by adding a new section 17, as follows.

'Sec. 17. Definition. The term "assessor", "assessors" or "board of assessors" wherever used in the chapter shall be interpreted hereafter to mean overseer, overseers or board of overseers whenever and wherever the context of this chapter so requires.'

Emergency clause; referendum; effective date. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved, only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the York Harbor Village Corporation at any annual or special meeting of the corporation to be held within 18 months after the approval of this act. Such special meeting shall be called, advertised and conducted according to the charter

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of the York Harbor Village Corporation.

The Clerk of said corporation shall prepare the required ballots, on which he shall reduce the subject matter of this act to the following question: "Shall the Act Amending the Charter of the York Harbor Village Corporation, passed by the first special session of the 101st Legislature, be accepted?" The voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed against the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same.

This act shall take effect for all purposes hereof immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of the voters voting at said meeting and the filing of the certificate of the result of the vote with the Secretary of State.

The result of the vote shall be declared by the assessors of the York Harbor Village Corporation and due certificate thereof shall be filed by the corporation clerk with the Secretary of State.'

Filed by Mr. Rust of York

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