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ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 508

In Senate, April 20, 1965

Received by unanimous consent. Referred to Committee on Public Utilities.  
Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Secretary

Presented by Senator Boisvert of Androscoggin.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-FIVE

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AN ACT to Amend the Charter of the Searsport Water District.

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

Whereas, the Stockton Springs Water Company has offered to sell its properties to the Searsport Water District; and

Whereas, the trustees of said district wish to accept said offer, and said offer must be accepted by July 1, 1965; and

Whereas, the purchase of said properties will allow said district to maintain and improve the water system in said Stockton Springs, and more efficiently allow said district to serve its present customers; and

Whereas, said purchase will mean a continuous supply of clean water for domestic, commercial, municipal and industrial use to Stockton Springs and the present district; 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:

**P. & S. L., 1947, c. 75 §§ 22, 23, additional.** Chapter 75 of the private and special laws of 1947, is amended by adding 2 new sections to read as follows:

**Sec. 22. Additional powers.** In addition to the powers heretofore granted, the district shall be authorized to purchase the plant, properties, assets, franchises, rights and privileges owned by Stockton Springs Water Company including without limitation all lands, interests in lands, buildings, waters, water rights, springs, wells, reservoirs, tanks, standpipes, mains, pumps, pipes, machinery, fixtures, hydrants, meters, services, tools, equipment and appliances, used or useful in supplying water for domestic, commercial, industrial and municipal purposes, and to pay therefor a sum not to exceed \$176,000. In addition to the powers heretofore granted to borrow money, the district is empowered to borrow money under the provisions of its charter for the purpose of said purchase and any other costs or expenses associated with said purchase.

Upon the acquisition by this district of the plant, properties, assets, franchises, rights and privileges of Stockton Springs Water Company, said district shall have in addition to the right to serve the Town of Searsport and its inhabitants, the right to supply the Town of Stockton Springs and the inhabitants of said town, or any part of said town, with pure water for domestic, sanitary, agricultural, commercial, industrial and all lawful municipal purposes, and all the other powers granted to said district under the provisions of this charter shall be applicable within the Town of Stockton Springs. The existing rates of Stockton Springs Water Company in the area now served by it shall continue and prevail until a new rate schedule is established in accordance with law.

The said district shall have the power to buy water from and furnish water to any other water district, water company or municipality authorized to furnish water within any municipality adjoining the Town of Searsport or Stockton Springs.

**Sec. 23.** Act void unless property of Stockton Springs Water Company is acquired. If the plant, properties, assets, franchises, rights and privileges owned by Stockton Springs Water Company shall not have been acquired by Searsport Water District pursuant to the provisions hereof prior to January 1, 1966, then this Act shall become null and void on said date.'

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