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# ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD LEGISLATURE

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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Buck of Southport.

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## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-SEVEN

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### **AN ACT Relating to the Board of Water Commissioners of the Town of Boothbay Harbor.**

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

**P. & S. L., 1895, c. 56, § 7, amended.** Section 7 of chapter 56 of the private and special laws of 1895, as repealed and replaced by chapter 17 of the private and special laws of 1949, is amended to read as follows :

**Sec. 7. Board of water commissioners; duties; compensation; town manager, powers and duties.** Said town is hereby authorized to elect by ballot ~~at its annual meeting in March of each year, a board of water commissioners, consisting of 3 persons, to serve for the term of 1 year or until their successors are elected and qualified~~ a board of water commissioners consisting of 3 persons, the first 3 chosen to serve one for one year, one for 2 years and one for 3 years and thereafterwards one commissioner shall be elected annually in the month of March to serve for a term of 3 years. The water commissioner who receives the largest number of votes cast at the first election shall hold office for 3 years. The water commissioner who receives the next largest number of votes cast at the first election shall hold office for 2 years, and the water commissioner who receives the next largest number of votes cast at the first election shall hold office for one year, and shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified. Said commissioners are authorized to fix the water rates and determine the conditions and the manner of the water supply, and shall have the general control and management of the water system owned by the town. They shall receive such compensation for their services as may be fixed by the town. Whenever said town shall vote to employ a town manager, but not in union with one or more other towns, said town manager shall be the administrative head of the water system and responsible to the water commissioners. His powers and

duties in connection therewith shall be the same as in the management of the municipal affairs of the town so far as applicable. **Purchases and disbursements shall be made by the town manager on vouchers signed by a majority of the commissioners.**

**Effective date; referendum.** This Act shall take effect 90 days after adjournment of the Legislature only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the Town of Boothbay Harbor voting on the question at any regular town meeting called and held not later than December 31, 1968. If the Act shall fail to gain approval, such failure shall constitute final determination for the purposes of this Act.