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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
103rd LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 640, L.D. 906, Bill, "An Act  
Creating the Paris Utility District."

Amend said Bill in section 1 by inserting after the words "sewerage facilities" in the 8th line (7th line in L.D. 906) the words and punctuation 'for domestic, commercial and industrial wastes, other than for storm or surface water'

Further amend said Bill in section 2 by striking out in the 11th line (9th line in L.D. 906) the words "and drainage" and inserting in place thereof the word 'facilities'

Further amend said Bill in the 2nd paragraph of section 4 by striking out in the 2nd and 3rd lines (2nd line in L.D. 906) the words "system of sewerage and drainage" and inserting in place thereof the words 'sewerage system'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of section 7 (same in L.D. 906) and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 7. Trustees; how elected; meetings; officers. All the affairs of said district shall be managed by a board of trustees composed of 5 members who shall be bona fide residents of the Town of Paris and who shall be chosen as hereinafter provided.

As soon as may be after the acceptance of this Act as hereinafter provided, the selectmen of the Town of Paris shall appoint 5 trustees of said district to hold office as follows: Two to serve until the first annual town meeting of the Town of Paris following the acceptance of this Act; 2 to serve until the 2nd annual town meeting of said town following such acceptance; and one to serve until the 3rd annual town meeting of said town following such acceptance. At each annual town meeting of said town, beginning with the first annual town meeting following the acceptance of this Act, the number of trustees whose terms expire at such annual town meeting shall be elected by the town in the manner of voting followed at the town meeting for the election of selectmen, to serve until the annual town meeting occurring 3 years thereafter and until their successors are elected and qualified.

Whenever any trustee ceases to be a resident of said district, he vacates the office of trustee. All trustees, if resident of said district, shall be eligible for reelection. Vacancies in the office of trustee shall be filled by the selectmen until the next annual town meeting of the Town of Paris, and at such annual town meeting the unexpired portion of said term, if any, shall be filled in the same manner as the trustees are elected.

As soon as convenient after their appointment, the first board of trustees 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 4 members, not less than 2 full days before the meeting; provided that they may meet by agreement without such notice. They shall then organize by electing from their own number a chairman and a clerk and, not necessarily from their own number, a treasurer. They shall adopt a corporate seal and may adopt bylaws and perform any other acts within the powers delegated to them by law.

Following each annual town meeting of said Town of Paris, the trustees shall elect from their own number a chairman and a clerk and, not necessarily from their own number, a treasurer to serve until the next annual town meeting of said Town of Paris and until their respective successors are elected and qualified.

The trustees from time to time may choose and employ and fix the compensation of any other necessary officers and agents, who shall serve at their pleasure. The treasurer shall furnish bond in such sum and with such sureties as the trustees shall

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approve, the cost thereof to be paid by the district. Members of the board of trustees shall be eligible to any office under the board. The trustees, as such, shall receive as compensation for their services, an amount to be determined by them not to exceed \$500 each per year; but the treasurer may be allowed such compensation as the trustees shall determine.

The trustees shall be sworn to the faithful performance of their duties as such, which shall include the duties of any member who shall serve as clerk or clerk pro tem.'

Further amend said Bill in the 2nd paragraph of section 9 by striking out in the 6th and 7th lines (5th and 6th lines in L.D. 906) the words and punctuation "water, sewerage or drainage" and inserting in place thereof the words 'water or sewerage'

Further amend said Bill in section 10 by striking out in the 7th and 8th lines (6th line in L.D. 906) the words "and drainage"

Further amend said Bill in section 10 by adding at the end (same in L.D. 906) the following paragraph:

'Nothing contained herein shall prohibit the district from making contracts with the Town of Paris for the construction, operation and maintenance of facilities by the district for collecting, conveying and disposing of storm and surface waters within the public ways.'

Further amend said Bill in section 11 by striking out in the 15th line (12th line in L.D. 906) the words "and drainage" and inserting in place thereof the word 'or' ; and by striking out all of the first sentence of the 2nd paragraph (same in L.D. 906) and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: 'Said bonds, notes and evidences of indebtedness may be issued to mature serially or made to run for such periods as the trustees may determine.'; and by striking out all of the 3rd paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: 'All such bonds, notes and evidences of indebtedness so issued by the district shall be legal obligations of the district, which is declared to be a quasi-municipal corporation within the meaning of the Revised Statutes of 1964, Title 30, section 5053, and all provisions of said section shall be applicable thereto.'

Reported by the Committee on Public Utilities.

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