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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Wood of Brooks.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-NINE

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AN ACT to Amend the Charter of Unity Utilities District.

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, the central part of the Town of Unity has no public sewers or public water supply; and

Whereas, the pollution from the residences, commercial firms and industries is a source of danger to the people of the area; and

Whereas, the quantity and quality of water for drinking purposes is unsatisfactory; and

Whereas, public fire protection is needed 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., 1965, c. 239, § 1, amended.** The first sentence of section 1 of chapter 239 of the private and special laws of 1965 is amended to read as follows:

The inhabitants and territory within the following area of the Town of Unity, in the County of Waldo, are created a body politic and corporate under the name of "Unity Utilities District", said area being bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point on the centerline of U.S. Route 202, a distance of 2250 feet along the centerline north of the intersection of the centerlines of Route 220 to Thorndike and Route 202, and running southeasterly 3450

feet more or less to a point on the centerline of the Troy Back Road a distance of 1800 feet along the centerline northeast of the intersection of the centerlines of Route 220 and the Troy Back Road; thence continuing in the same direction 4100 feet to a point; thence turning and running southwesterly 6350 feet more or less to a point on the centerline of the Quaker Hill Road a distance of 4050 feet southeast along the centerline from the intersection of the centerlines of U.S. Route 202 and the Quaker Hill Road; thence continuing in the same direction 1650 feet to a point; thence turning and running northwesterly 12,150 feet more or less to a point on the centerline of the Benton Road, Route 139, a distance of 4000 feet west along the centerline from the intersection of the centerlines of the Prairie Road and the Benton Road; thence turning and running northerly in a direction 90 degrees to the Benton Road 700 feet more or less to Twenty-five Mile Stream; thence up Twenty-five Mile Stream 6600 feet more or less along the thread of the stream to the confluence of Twenty-five Mile Stream and a ditch; thence south and east 1300 feet more or less along the thread of the ditch to a point on the centerline of the Prairie Road; thence running easterly 9300 feet more or less to the point of beginning.

**Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1965, c. 239, § 2, amended.** Section 2 of chapter 239 of the private and special laws of 1965 is amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 2. Authority to construct and maintain.** Within said territory and wherever its plant, properties, franchises, rights and privileges may be located or in effect within the territory of **said town or of any adjoining municipality**, the Unity Utilities District is authorized to lay pipes, drains, sewers, mains and conduits and to take up, replace, repair and maintain the same or to contract for the same to be done, in, along and through any public or private ways, public grounds or lands of any person or corporation as hereafter provided; to construct and maintain dams, reservoirs, aqueducts, standpipes, pumping stations, sewage treatment works, catch basins, flush tanks and all other appliances for collecting, holding, purifying, distributing and disposing of water, sewage and of surface and waste water; to install hydrants, drains, manholes, pumps and all other appurtenances necessary and convenient for the operation of water and sewerage systems; and generally to do any and all things necessary or incidental to accomplish the purposes of this Act.

**Sec. 3. P. & S. L., 1965, c. 239, § 3, amended.** The first sentence of section 3 of chapter 239 of the private and special laws of 1965 is amended to read as follows:

By acceptance of this Act as hereinafter provided, title to all public sewers in the ~~Town of Unity~~ **district**, if any, wherever the same may be located shall forthwith pass to and be vested in said district.

**Sec. 4. P. & S. L., 1965, c. 239, § 14, amended.** The first sentence of section 14 of chapter 239 of the private and special laws of 1965 is amended to read as follows:

For accomplishing the purpose of this Act, said district, by vote of its board of trustees, without district vote except as hereinafter provided, is authorized to borrow money temporarily and to issue therefor its negotiable notes; and for the purpose of renewing and refunding the indebtedness so created, or pay-

ing any necessary expenses and liabilities incurred under the provisions of this Act, and in acquiring properties, paying damages, laying pipes, mains, sewers, drains and conduits, purchasing, constructing, maintaining and operating a water system and a sewerage system and making renewals, additions, extensions and improvements to such systems and to cover interest payments during any period of construction, said Unity Utilities District, by votes of its board of trustees, without district vote except as hereinafter provided, is also authorized to issue, from time to time, bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness of the district in such amount or amounts, bearing interest at such rate or rates, and having such terms and provisions as the trustees shall determine; provided, however, that the total indebtedness of said district at any one time outstanding shall not exceed the sum of ~~\$500,000~~ \$1,000,000, and provided, further, that in the case of a vote by the trustees to authorize bonds or notes to pay for the acquisition of property, for the cost of a water system or sewerage system or part thereof, for renewals or additions or for other improvements in the nature of capital costs, the estimated cost of which, singly or in the aggregate included in any one financing is \$30,000 or more, but not for renewing or refunding existing indebtedness or to pay for maintenance, repairs or for current expenses, notice of the proposed debt and of the general purpose or purposes for which it was authorized shall be given by the clerk by publication at least once in a newspaper having a general circulation in the Town of Unity.

**Sec. 5. Confirmation of acceptance.** The acceptance of chapter 239 of the private and special laws of 1965, being the charter of Unity Utilities District, by the Town of Unity is confirmed and validated as effective in all respects.

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