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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 712**

H. P. 539

House of Representatives, February 9, 1971

Referred to Committee on Public Utilities. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Goodwin of Bath.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Increasing the Number of Members on the Board of Trustees of  
the Bath Water District.**

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

Whereas, the supplying of pure water is essential to the health and well-being of the inhabitants of the City of Bath and of the adjoining Towns of West Bath, Phippsburg and Woolwich; and

Whereas, the inhabitants of the City of Bath and of the adjoining Towns of West Bath, Phippsburg and Woolwich have experienced numerous interruptions in water service due to the failure of the submarine water line in the Kennebec River presently serving said inhabitants; and

Whereas, it is imperative that action be taken at the earliest possible time to construct a new submarine water line in the Kennebec River in order to insure a continuous supply of pure water; and

Whereas, there is urgent need for broader citizen participation in the affairs of said Bath Water 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., 1915, c. 197, §7-A, additional. Chapter 197 of the private and special laws of 1915, as amended, is further amended by adding a new section 7-A to read as follows:

Sec. 7-A. Increase in the number of members on the board of trustees. The number of members on the board of trustees of the Bath Water District shall be increased from 3 to 5. The 2 new members are to be chosen by the municipal officers of Bath, as provided in section 7. As soon as convenient after the new members of said board have been chosen, said trustees shall hold a meeting in the city building in Bath. At said meeting the 2 newly appointed trustees shall determine by lot the term of office of each. One such term shall run until the first Monday in November in the year 1972 and the other is to run until the first Monday in November in the year 1973; and whenever the term of office of either of said trustees expires, the body which appointed said trustee shall appoint a successor to serve the full term of 3 years, and in case any other vacancy arises it shall be filled in like manner for the unexpired term. The 2 newly appointed trustees shall have all the powers, benefits and restrictions as conferred upon the members of the board of trustees by section 7.

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

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is reflected in the emergency preamble.