

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 606

House of Representatives, February 11, 1971

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Pontbriand of Auburn.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-ONE

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**AN ACT** Reclassifying the Waters of Lake Auburn and Little Wilson Pond,  
Androscoggin County.

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

R. S., T. 38, § 371, sub-§§ 10 and 11, additional. Section 371 of Title 38 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding 2 new subsections to read as follows:

10. Lake Auburn in the City of Auburn, Androscoggin County—Class A.
11. Little Wilson Pond and its outlet tributary to Lake Auburn in the City of Auburn and the Town of Turner, Androscoggin County—Class A.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this amendment is to upgrade the waters of Lake Auburn, located in the City of Auburn, Little Wilson Pond and its outlet tributary to Lake Auburn, located in the City of Auburn and the Town of Turner, from Class B-1 to Class A.

The watershed is the water supply for both Auburn and Lewiston, serving some 65,000 people. The water is now of excellent quality requiring only chlorination prior to its being delivered to the distribution system of each city.

Lake Auburn has a 14 mile shore line of which the Auburn Water District owns 70%. Along with that which is owned or controlled by the State and City, 80% of the shore line is under public jurisdiction.

The Auburn Water District owns the water rights to Lake Auburn and the outlet of Little Wilson Pond. The Auburn Water District also owns and controls dams at North Auburn, the inlet to Lake Auburn, on the outlet of Little Wilson Pond and at East Auburn on the outlet to Lake Auburn.

By upgrading the classification to "A" of these waters, much will be accomplished in protecting this great natural resource, the water supply of Auburn and Lewiston.