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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1659**

H. P. 1212

House of Representatives, March 19, 1971

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Parks of Presque Isle.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-ONE

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**AN ACT to Amend the Charter of the Presque Isle 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, in order for the district to maintain and protect the quality and purity of its water, the following legislation is vitally necessary to the health and welfare of the inhabitants of the 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:

**Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1941, c. 67, § 2, amended.** Section 2 of chapter 67 of the private and special laws of 1941 is amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 2. Source of supply.** The said district for effecting and carrying out the purposes of its incorporation, is hereby authorized to take, hold, divert, use and distribute water from the Presque Isle stream, **including the east branch thereof**, in the City of Presque Isle, the Town of Mapleton ~~or~~, the Town of Chapman **or Township 10, Range 3** and from said stream in any or all of said city, **township** and towns and from any surface or underground brook, spring or vein of water in said Presque Isle.

**Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1941, c. 67, § 3, amended.** Section 3 of chapter 67 of the private and special laws of 1941 is amended by inserting after the 3rd paragraph the following new paragraph:

The said district is hereby authorized to lay in and through the streets, roads, ways and highways of the Town of Mapleton, the Town of Chapman and Township 10, Range 3 and across private lands therein, and to maintain, repair and replace all such pipes, aqueducts and fixtures for the transmission of its water supply, and whenever said district shall lay any pipes or aqueducts in any street, road, way or highway, it shall cause the same to be done with as little obstruction as practicable to the public travel, and shall at its own expense without unnecessary delay cause the earth and pavement removed by it to be replaced in proper condition.

**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 to authorize the Presque Isle Water District to take water from the Presque Isle stream and the East Branch of the Presque Isle stream for the purposes of supplying the customers within the district.