

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 750

H. P. 571

House of Representatives, February 8, 1973

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

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Carey of Waterville.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to the **Appointment of Trustees of the Kennebec
Water District.**

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

P. & S. L., 1899, c. 200, § 5, repealed and replaced. Section 5 of chapter 200 of the private and special laws of 1899, as last amended by chapter 146 of the private and special laws of 1955, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

Sec. 5. Trustees. Effective February 15, 1974, all the affairs of said district shall be managed by a board of 11 trustees, 5 appointed by the municipal officers of Waterville, 2 by the municipal officers of Winslow, 2 by the municipal officers of Fairfield, one by the municipal officers of Benton and one by the municipal officers of Vassalboro. None of said trustees shall be an elected town or city official. In case of a vacancy arising from death, removal from the area of the district, or other cause which shall include removal in the discretion of the appointing municipal officers for failure to attend district meetings, the respective municipal officers shall appoint a new member to fill out the unexpired term of their appointee.

The initial terms of the trustees shall be in accordance with the following table:

Municipality	Number of Trustees	Term		
		1 year	2 years	3 years
Waterville	5	2	1	2
Winslow	2	1		1
Fairfield	2	1		1

Municipality	Number of Trustees	Term		
		1 year	2 years	3 years
Benton	1		1	
Vassalboro	1		1	

Thereafter the terms shall be for a 3-year period.

Every 10 years starting in 1981 the board of trustees shall reapportion the board according to the latest Federal Census. The number of trustees may be increased, if necessary. A trustee shall represent as nearly as practicable 3,600 persons. If the trustees fail to so apportion, the municipal officers of any member municipality shall petition the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, who shall then make the apportionment.

They shall organize by election from their own members of a chairman, vice-chairman, a treasurer and a clerk and choose and employ and fix the compensation of such other necessary officers and agents, who shall serve at their pleasure, and they shall adopt a corporate seal. Each trustee shall be sworn to the faithful performance of his duties.

The trustees may from time to time adopt, establish and amend bylaws consistent with the laws of the State of Maine and necessary for their own convenience and the proper management of the affairs of the district and perform any other acts within the powers delegated to them by law.

After the original organizational meeting, the trustees shall meet annually at a time determined by their bylaws for the purpose of electing from among the members a chairman, vice-chairman, treasurer and clerk to serve until the next annual election and until their successors are elected and qualified. The treasurer shall furnish bond in such sum and with such sureties as the trustees shall approve, the cost thereof to be paid by the district. The chairman, vice-chairman, treasurer and clerk may receive such compensation for serving in these capacities as the trustees shall determine. This compensation shall be in addition to the compensation payable to them as trustees. The trustees shall make and publish an annual report, including a report of the treasurer.

All trustees shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified and may receive such compensation, not exceeding \$10 per meeting, as the trustees may determine.

No members of the board of trustees shall be employed for compensation as an employee or in any other capacity by the district of which he is a trustee, except as herein provided.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide the same form of representation of the communities involved as exists for the local sanitation district.