

## STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 106TH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " $_{\rm A}$  " to H.P. 783, L.D. 1020, Bill, "AN ACT to Amend the Charter of the Freeport Sewer District."

Amend said Bill by inserting after section 9 and before the emergency clause a section 10 to read as follows:

'Sec. 10. P. & S. L., 1947, c. 60, § 19, sub-§ VI, repealed. Subsection VI of section 19 of chapter 60 of the private and special laws of 1947, as enacted by section 5 of chapter 50 of the private and special laws of 1949, is repealed.'

## Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to repeal the requirement that the Public Utilities Commission approve the rates of the Freeport Sewer District.

A similar requirement in another private and special law sewer district charter has been held unconstitutional inasmuch as the commission has no general rate regulatory authority over sewer utilities.

Reported by the Committee on Public Utilities.

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