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H. P. 1677

House of Representatives, January 2, 1974

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

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Cressey of North Berwick.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FOUR

AN ACT Extending the Territorial Limits of Kennebunk, Kennebunkport and Wells Water District to Include all of the Town of Wells.

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

Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1921, c. 159, § 1, amended. Section 1 of chapter 159 of the private and special laws of 1921 as amended by section 1 of chapter 35 of the private and special laws of 1969 is further amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1. Territorial limits, corporate name and purpose. The territory and people constituting the Towns of Kennebunk, Kennebunkport and Wells, ~~except that portion of the Town of Wells situated one mile and more northerly and westerly of the state highway through said town~~ shall constitute a body politic and corporate under the name of the Kennebunk, Kennebunkport and Wells Water District, for the purpose of supplying the inhabitants of said district and said municipalities, and also the portions of the Town of York and the City of Biddeford now being served by the York County Water Company and the Town of Arundel, with pure water for domestic and municipal purposes.

Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1921, c. 159, § 5, amended. Section 5 of chapter 159 of the private and special laws of 1921 is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5. Management of affairs. All the affairs of the said water district shall be managed by a board of trustees composed of 3 members, one chosen by the municipality of Kennebunk, one by the municipality of Kennebunkport and the other by the ~~inhabitants of the municipality of Wells residing within the limits of said district.~~ The trustees chosen by the municipalities

of Kennebunk, ~~and~~ Kennebunkport and Wells shall be elected by ballot at their annual town meetings, respectively, as town officers are elected ~~and the trustees chosen by the inhabitants of the district within the Town of Wells shall be elected at a meeting of said inhabitants called and held in the manner provided in section fourteen of this act.~~

The first board of trustees shall be elected at the meeting of each of said Towns of Kennebunk and Kennebunkport and the meeting of the inhabitants of the district in the Town of Wells, when this charter is accepted, which meeting may be a special meeting called for said purpose. As soon as convenient after said trustees have been chosen, they shall hold a meeting at the office of the selectmen in the Town of Kennebunk and organize by the election of a president and clerk, adopt a corporate seal, and when necessary may choose a treasurer and all other needful officers and agents for the proper conduct and management of the affairs of said district. At said first meeting they shall determine by lot the term of office of each trustee so that one shall serve for one year, one for 2 years, and one for 3 years; and when the term of office of a trustee expires, the town ~~or body~~ which elected said trustee shall elect 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. They may also ordain and establish such bylaws, not inconsistent with the laws of the State, as are necessary for their own convenience and the proper management of the affairs of said district. The terms of office of said trustees shall begin on the first Monday of April, but this provision shall not prevent the first board of trustees from becoming such at once upon their election at the meetings in which this charter is accepted. The trustees shall make and publish an annual report and include therein the report of the treasurer. Each trustee shall receive in full compensation for his services an allowance of \$200 per ~~annum~~ year.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is reflected in the title, and this bill is presented because residents of that part of the Town of Wells not now included in the District have requested that the District provide water service to them.