

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 565

H. P. 463

House of Representatives, February 6, 1975

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Leonard of Woolwich.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Board of Trustees of Bath Water District.

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

Sec. 1. P&SL 1915, c. 197, § 7, as last repealed and replaced by P&SL 1973, c. 66, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

Sec. 7. Board of trustees. All the affairs of the Bath Water District shall be managed by a board of trustees consisting of 5 members, 3 who are residents of the City of Bath and 2 who are residents of the Town of Woolwich, provided that the now trustees and their successors shall continue in office until the expiration of their terms. One of these terms expires on the first Monday of November, 1975, at which time the selectmen of the Town of Woolwich shall elect one trustee to serve a term of 5 years. The 2nd of these terms expires on the first Monday of November, 1976, at which time the selectmen of the Town of Woolwich shall elect one trustee to serve a term of 5 years. The 3rd, 4th and 5th of these terms will expire on the first Monday of November 1977, 1978 and 1979 respectively, at which times the city council of the City of Bath shall elect one trustee for each of the 3 designated years, each to serve a term of 5 years. On the first Monday of November thereafter, one trustee shall be elected for a term of 5 years by the body who originally appointed the trustee of the expiring term.

In case of a vacancy on the board of trustees for any reason arising, after the first Monday of November 1975, it shall be filled by the body that appointed the trustee creating the vacancy, by the election of a trustee or trustees to serve for the vacant term or terms on said board of trustees. If any trustee ceases to be a resident of the respective town from which he or she has

been appointed, he or she shall submit his or her resignation forthwith to his or her appointive body. No member of the city council of the City of Bath or selectman of the Town of Woolwich shall, during the term for which he or she is elected, be elected as one of said trustees. The district shall have a corporate seal.

The board of trustees shall each year organize by the election of a president, clerk, treasurer and all other needful officers and agents for the proper conduct and management of the affairs of the district.

The board of trustees may also ordain and establish such bylaws as necessary for their own convenience and proper management of the affairs of the district.

The trustees as such shall receive as compensation for their services an amount to be determined by them not to exceed \$500 each per year, and the treasurer and clerk shall be paid such compensation as the trustees shall determine.

Sec. 2. P&SL 1915, c. 197, § 13, as last amended by P&SL 1955, c. 203, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

Sec. 13. —property exempt from taxation. The real property presently owned and hereafter acquired by said district shall be exempt from taxation, only as to pipes, fixtures, hydrants, conduits, gatehouses, pumping stations, reservoirs and dams, as provided by the general taxation provisions of the Revised Statutes. All incidental powers, rights and privileges necessary to the accomplishment of the main object herein set forth are granted to the public municipal corporation hereby created.

STATEMENT OF FACT

With the many environmental laws now in effect, there appears to be no necessity for large land holdings by the water district around the perimeter of Nequasset Lake to insure the preservation of the water purity.