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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 2269

H. P. 2103

House of Representatives, February 26, 1976

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Peakes of Dexter.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SIX

AN ACT Relating to the Trustees of the Dexter Utility District.

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

Sec. 1. P & SL 1971, c. 29, § 7, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

Sec. 7. Trustees; how elected; meetings; officers. All the affairs of said district shall be managed by a board of trustees composed of 5 members who shall be bona fide residents of the Town of Dexter. The present trustees shall continue in office until the expiration of their terms or until their successors are elected and qualified. The terms of the present trustees, as of the effective date of this Act, shall expire on December 31st of the year of the expiration of these present terms. Thereafter, the number of trustees whose terms expire each year shall be elected by the town at the annual municipal election, in the same manner as the municipal officers of the Town of Dexter are elected, to serve until the annual municipal election 3 years thereafter and until their successors are elected and qualified.

Whenever any trustee ceases to be a resident of the district, he vacates the office of trustee. All trustees, if resident of the district, shall be eligible for reelection. Vacancies in the office of trustee shall be filled by appointment by the municipal officers until the next annual municipal election of the Town of Dexter and, at such annual municipal election, the unexpired portion of such term, if any, shall be filled by election of a successor.

The trustees elected at each annual municipal election shall take office on December 31st immediately following their election. As soon as practicable in the following month of January, the board of trustees shall hold a meeting

at some convenient place in the district and shall elect from their own number a chairman and a clerk and, not necessarily from their own number, a treasurer, to serve until the next annual election of trustees and until their respective successors are elected and qualified. They may adopt and amend bylaws and perform any other acts within the powers delegated to them by law.

The trustees from time to time may choose and employ and fix the compensation of any other necessary officers and agents, who shall serve at their pleasure. 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. Members of the board of trustees shall be eligible to any office under the board. The trustees, as such, shall receive as compensation for their services, an amount to be determined by them not to exceed \$300 each per year; but the treasurer may be allowed such compensation as the trustees shall determine.

The trustees shall be sworn to the faithful performance of their duties as such, which shall include the duties of any member who shall serve as a clerk or clerk pro tem.

Sec. 2. P & SL 1971, c. 29, § 10, 2nd ¶, is amended to read:

The Town of Dexter, through its ~~selectmen, without town vote~~ municipal officers, is authorized to sell, transfer and convey its said properties to said district in consideration of the assumption by said district of the outstanding debts, obligations and liabilities of the Town of Dexter associated with the operation of its water supply and sewerage system and any of the properties transferred to the district hereunder including, without limitation, the liability represented by the \$29,000 aggregate principal amount of outstanding Town of Dexter 4.5% Water Works Notes of 1968.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill amends the charter of the Dexter Utility District to reflect the fact that the Town of Dexter has changed from the town meeting form of government to the town council form.