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House of Representatives, January 11, 1978

The Committee on Public Utilities suggested. Approved for introduction by a Majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 25 and ordered printed.

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Presented by Ms. Clark of Freeport

Cosponsor: Mr. Cunningham of New Gloucester

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-EIGHT

AN ACT to Amend the Charter of the Gray Water District.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, various citizens of the Town of Gray, living in the area served by the Gray Water District, who are not currently served by it, are in need of public water due to contamination of their wells; and

Whereas, these services are vitally necessary to protect the health and welfare of those citizens; and

Whereas, certain ambiguities in the charter of the Gray Water District may preclude the use of general obligation securities to fund the extension; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

P & SL 1929, c. 33, § 11, is amended to read:

Sec. 11. Contracts for supplying water. Said water district is hereby authorized to make

contracts with the town of Gray and with corporations and inhabitants of said town of Gray, or any village corporation therein for the purpose of supplying water as contemplated by this act, and the town of Gray by its selectmen or any village corporation therein by its proper officers is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with said district for a supply of water for public uses on such terms and for such time as the parties may agree, which contract when made shall be legal and binding on all parties thereto and said town of Gray or any village corporation therein for said purposes may raise money in the same manner as for other municipal charges, **including, without limitation, the issuance of general obligation securities, and borrowing anticipation thereof, pursuant to the Revised Statutes, Title 30, sections 5151, 5152 and 5153, or any other relevant statute.**

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Due to serious contamination of well water in the eastern section of the Town of Gray, the town and the water district are planning to extend public water lines to that area. In order to be sure that this extension can be funded by the issuance of general obligation securities, this bill is needed. The emergency preamble is due to the necessity for this extension to be begun at the earliest opportunity.