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S. P. 404

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Presented by Senator Conley of Cumberland.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

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

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

Sec. 1. P&SL 1907, c. 433, § 18, 2nd ¶, as enacted by P&SL 1975, c. 84, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

Trustees shall be elected for the term of 5 years at elections to be specially called and held in each municipality on the 4th Tuesday of May of each year. The cost of that election shall be paid for by the district. When there is a trustee to be elected by the voters of the City of Portland and that city is holding its own election of municipal officers in May, the election of the trustee to represent the City of Portland shall be held concurrently with the municipal election, and the city and the district shall equally share the cost of that municipal election. In the event any such election shall result in a tie vote, the other trustees shall select the person who shall become a trustee.

Sec. 2. P&SL 1907, c. 433, § 18, 6th ¶, last sentence, as enacted by P&SL 1977, c. 48, § 9, is amended to read:

The trustees shall ~~within 15 days~~ **at the annual meeting** after the election determine and declare the successful candidates of each area.

STATEMENT OF FACT

In 1978, the City of Portland amended its charter to provide that its municipal elections would be held in May. The purpose of the amendment to the Portland Water District's charter is to allow the election of the trustees of the district from the City of Portland to be held at the same time as the municipal officers and to provide that the city and the district shall equally share the costs of that municipal election.