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No. 1581

H. P. 1334

House of Representatives, April 24, 1979.

The Committee on Public Utilities suggested and approved for introduction by a Majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27 and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Reeves of Newport.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Extend until July 1, 1980, the Date for the Newport Water District to Purchase the Property of the Maine Water Company.

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

Whereas, the Newport Water District charter requires the water district to acquire the Maine Water Company by July 1, 1979; and

Whereas, the Newport Water District is still in negotiation with the Maine Water Company for acquisition of the company; and

Whereas, the negotiations are expected to continue beyond the July 1, 1979, deadline; 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 1975, c. 29, § 20, as last amended by P & SL 1977, c. 92, is further amended to read:

Sec. 20. Certain sections inoperative on failure to acquire Maine Water Company plant. If said water district shall fail to acquire before July 1, ~~1979~~ 1980, by purchase or by right of eminent domain as in this Act provided, the plant, property, franchises, rights and privileges owned by the Maine Water Company and used or usable in supplying water to the Town of Newport, then this Act shall be inoperative, null and void.

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is reflected in the emergency preamble.
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