

# ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

# **Legislative Document**

## No. 1712

H. P. 1601

Office of the Clerk of the House The Committee on Public Utilities suggested. Approved for introduction by the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

Presented by Mr. Immonen of West Paris.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk of the House

## STATE OF MAINE

#### IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY

AN ACT Amending the Charter of the Paris Utility District.

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

Sec. 1. P&SL 1967, c. 49, § 2 is amended by inserting at the end the following new paragraph:

Notwithstanding the aforementioned authority, the board of trustees shall hold a public hearing at least 7 days prior to an anticipated vote of the board upon any proposal for the construction of lateral lines or for any plan extension. The public hearing shall be held after providing a minimum 7-days' notice of the hearing by publication and shall be held for the purpose of enabling the trustees to learn of the approval or suggested changes of the voters of the district to the proposals.

Sec. 2. P&SL 1967, c. 49, § 7 is amended by inserting after the 4th paragraph the following new paragraph:

At each annual meeting of the Town of Paris, the board of trustees shall present a proposed budget for the next fiscal year of the district to solicit the approval, disapproval or suggested changes of the voters of the district to the proposed budget. The board of trustees shall adopt a budget for the next fiscal year of the district following the public consideration thereof.

Sec. 3. P&SL 1967, c. 49, § 13, as amended by P&SL 1975, c. 35, § 2, is further amended by inserting at the end the following new paragraph:

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In establishing or revising such rates, tolls, rents or charges to be effective on or after January 1, 1981, the board of trustees shall hold a public hearing at least 30 days prior to the effective date therefor. The public hearing shall be held after providing a minimum 7-days' notice of the hearing by publication and shall be held for the purpose of enabling the trustees to solicit the approval, disapproval or suggested changes of the voters of the district to such rates, tolls, rents or charges to be established or revised.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to amend the charter of the Paris Utility District.

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