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STATE OF MAINE  
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LD 1874

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 722, L.D. 1874, Bill,  
"AN ACT Creating the Rangeley Water District."

Amend the bill in section 8, 3rd line (2nd in LD) by striking out the figure "5" and inserting in its place the following figure: '3'

Further amend the bill in section 8, first paragraph, 4th line from end (same in L.D.) by striking out the <sup>figure</sup> "\$500" and inserting in its place the following figure: '\$400'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 13 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 13. Property tax exempt. The plant and property of the district shall be exempt from all taxation in the Town of Rangeley and in any other towns where any part of its plant may be located.'

Further amend the bill in section 14 by striking out all of the last paragraph and inserting in its place the following:

'The schedule of water rates, tolls, charges and rents shall be filed with, and subject to the approval of, the Public Utilities Commission as required or permitted by the applicable statutes.'

Further amend the bill by striking out in the first line of the / <sup>first</sup> paragraph/<sub>after section 18</sub> the following underlined words: "Acceptance subject to referendum," and inserting in their place the following:

'Sec. 19. Acceptance subject to referendum; emergency.'

Further amend the bill in the last paragraph before the emergency clause by striking out all of the last sentence and inserting in its place the following:

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 K ----- In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect for all the purposes thereof immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters voting at the election held in each municipality and plantation; provided that the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this Act in the Town of Rangeley equals or exceeds 15% of the total vote for all candidates for Governor in that town at the last gubernatorial election and the total number of votes cast in each plantation equals or exceeds 15% of the total number of legal voters within those sections of the proposed water district which lie within the plantations, but failure of approval by the necessary percentages of voters at any such election in either or both of those towns shall not prevent a subsequent election or elections to be held for that purpose within the time limitation of section 12.'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of the last paragraph before the statement of fact.

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to clarify the bill and to make the bill more practicable. To these ends, the amendment:

1. exempts/water district plant from taxation;
2. reduces trustee compensation from \$500 to \$400;
3. requires the schedules, all rates and charges to be filed with the Public Utilities Commission;
4. requires the majority of legal voters voting in the election in each municipality within the district to approve the formation of the district; and
5. requires at least 15% of the voters within each municipality to vote on the question.

Reported by the Committee on Public Utilities.

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