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STATE OF MAINE  
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

L.D. 18  
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 20, L.D. 18, Bill,  
"AN ACT to Revise the Van Buren Light and Power District  
Charter."

Amend the Bill by striking out everything after the title  
and inserting in its place the following:

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

Whereas, there are 200 ratepayers, who are served by the  
district but reside outside its boundaries, who cannot participate  
in elections of the light and power district until the charter is  
amended; and

Whereas, elections are scheduled for March 16, 1981; 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:

Sec. 1. P&SL 1917, c. 182, §5, first ¶, last sentence,  
as repealed and replaced  
by P&SL 1979, c. 38, is amended to read:

Each year as the term of a trustee expires, the legal voters of  
the district and the legal voters residing in households located  
outside the district but served by the district shall elect a  
successor to serve for a full term of 3 years, and if any vacancy  
occurs it may be filled in like manner for the unexpired term.

Sec. 2. P&SL 1917, c. 182, §5, first ¶, as repealed and replaced by P&SL 1979, c. 38, is amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read:

The granting of voting rights in this section shall not be construed as enlarging the territorial limits set forth in section 1.

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

Statement of Fact

This amendment provides voting rights to residents of households served by the Van Buren Light and Power District without expanding the territorial limits of the district.

Reported by the Committee on Public Utilities.

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