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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 479, L.D. 535, Bill,
"AN ACT to Adjust the Fiscal Year of the Cobbossee Watershed
District."

Amend the Bill by inserting before the enacting clause
the following:

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

Whereas, the Cobbossee Watershed District's annual budget
meeting must be held prior to June 1st to complete the
transition to a July 1st fiscal year; and

Whereas, the Cobbossee Watershed District has raised only
those funds sufficient to continue its operations from April 1st
to June 30th as an interim budget for the transition to a
new fiscal year; 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,'

Further amend the Bill by striking out all of section 2
and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 2. Transitional provisions. In adjusting its
fiscal year, the Cobbossee Watershed District shall hold a
district budget meeting prior to April 1st to consider a
transitional budget for the period from April 1st to June 30,
1981. This meeting shall be conducted in accordance with the

present district charter. The full amount of the assessment payable by each municipality for this transitional budget shall be payable in a single installment on or before May 1st.'

Further amend the Bill by inserting at the end before the Statement of Fact the following:

'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, section 1 of the bill shall take effect April 1, 1981, and section 2/shall take effect when approved.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to allow for an immediate transition in the fiscal year of the Cobbossee Watershed District. The district has initiated its budget process under the schedule currently provided by its charter, but has budgeted funds only for a 3-month transition from April to June, in anticipation of the change in the fiscal year.

Reported by the Committee on Public Utilities.
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