

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 574

S. P. 209

In Senate, February 3, 1981

Referred to the Committee on Public Utilities. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Gill of Cumberland.

Cosponsor: Representative Macomber of South Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT to Amend the Charter of the Portland Water District.

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

Sec. 1. P&SL 1907, c. 433, § 18, 2nd ¶, 3rd sentence, as last repealed and replaced by P&SL 1979, c. 26, § 1, is amended to read:

When there is a trustee to be elected by the voters of the ~~City~~ **Cities** of Portland ~~and that~~ or South Portland, or both, and when either city is holding its own election of municipal officers in May, the election of the trustee to represent ~~the City of Portland shall~~ **each city may** be held concurrently with the municipal election, and the city and the district shall equally share the cost of that municipal election.

Sec. 2. P&SL 1907, c. 433, § 18, 3rd ¶, last sentence, as last repealed and replaced by P&SL 1977, c. 48, § 9, is amended to read:

Nomination papers shall be submitted to each municipal clerk of the municipalities within such area during business hours on or before the 21st day next prior to the day of election, **except in the Cities of Portland and South Portland where those filings shall be coterminous with the respective municipal filing date.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill authorizes the election of Trustees of Portland Water District from the City of South Portland to be held on the same date as South Portland city council elections are held. It will result in a savings because only one election will be held and should result in greater voter participation.