

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 969

H. P. 810

House of Representatives, February 23, 1981

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative K. Brown of Bethel.

Cosponsor: Senator Sutton of Oxford.

STATE OF MAINE

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

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

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

P&SL 1967, c. 48, § 9, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

Sec. 9. Board of trustees; election; compensation. All affairs of the district shall be managed by a board of trustees composed of 5 members, elected by the voters of the Town of Bethel. The terms of the present trustees shall be extended from the regular December 31st expiration date until the next successive March election to provide for continuity. At the same time as elections are held for selectmen in the Town of Bethel in 1982, the voters shall elect 3 members to the water district board of trustees, one for a one-year term, one for a 2-year term and one for a 3-year term. Thereafter, trustees shall be elected for a full 3-year term except for the election of a trustee to fill an interim vacancy, in which case the election shall be for the remainder of the term. The board of selectmen may appoint an acting trustee to fill an interim vacancy until the next March election. Trustees shall be nominated and elected in the same manner as the selectmen are nominated and elected. Trustees shall be residents of the Town of Bethel and any trustee who ceases to be a resident of the Town of Bethel vacates the office of trustee.

As soon as convenient after the annual election, the trustees shall hold a

meeting and organize by the election of a president, clerk and treasurer, and when necessary, other officers and agents. The treasurer shall be bonded in such sum and with such sureties and the trustees may approve.

The trustees shall operate as policy-makers for the water district and make such bylaws as are necessary for their own convenience and for the proper management of the affairs of the district. They shall hire a professionally qualified person to manage and to carry out the daily operations of the water district.

Trustees shall be compensated in an amount set at the annual town meeting.

1. Superintendent; appointment and compensation. All daily operations of the district may be managed by a full-time superintendent who holds qualifications commensurate with the requirements of the Public Utilities Commission and the Department of Human Services.

The superintendent shall be appointed by the trustees and shall serve at their pleasure, and shall be compensated at a rate they shall set annually.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill changes the method of selection of trustees to the Bethel Water District from appointed to elected. It provides for charter acknowledgment of the present status of a full-time superintendent and sets standards for selection of a superintendent. The bill provides for trustees' salaries to be set by vote at town meetings.