

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Perry of Mexico.

Cosponsor: Senator Erwin of Oxford.

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12 STATE OF MAINE  
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE  
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17 AN ACT to Revise the Mexico Water  
18 District Charter.  
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
21 follows:

22 Sec. 1. P&SL 1929, c. 102, §1 is repealed and  
23 the following enacted in its place:

24 Sec. 1. Territorial limits. The following ter-  
25 ritory and the people within the territory, namely:  
26 All of the people and territory included within the  
27 boundaries of the Town of Mexico shall constitute a  
28 public municipal corporation under the name of the  
29 Mexico Water District, for the purpose of supplying  
30 the inhabitants of the district with pure water for  
31 domestic, sanitary and municipal purposes.

32 Sec. 2. P&SL 1929, c. 102, §8, as amended by  
33 P&SL 1963, c. 29, is further amended to read:

1           Sec. 8. Managed by board of trustees; bond;  
2 organization; tenure of office; compensation; report.  
3 All the affairs of said the water district shall be  
4 managed by a board of trustees composed of 3 members,  
5 chosen by the municipal officers of Mexico. Before  
6 entering upon the duties of their office the said  
7 trustees shall file a bond for the faithful perfor-  
8 mance of their trust, with the treasurer of said the  
9 Town of Mexico, in such sum as may be required, from  
10 time to time, by the selectmen of said Mexico, the  
11 premium for said the bond to be paid by the Mexico  
12 Water District. As soon as convenient after the mem-  
13 bers of said the board have been chosen and quali-  
14 fied, said the trustees shall hold a meeting and  
15 organize by the election of a president chairman ,and  
16 clerk, adopt a corporate seal and when necessary may  
17 choose a treasurer and all other needful officers and  
18 agents for the proper conduct and management of the  
19 affairs of said district. The trustees shall annu-  
20 ally choose a superintendent who shall be the admin-  
21 istrator, treasurer and clerk of the district, and  
22 who shall manage the day-to-day affairs of the dis-  
23 trict. The trustees shall contract with the Town of  
24 Mexico to provide operational services to the dis-  
25 trict. The contract shall designate the appropriate  
26 municipal official to be superintendent who shall  
27 serve for the term of the contract. At said the  
28 first meeting, they shall determine by lot the term  
29 of office of each trustee so that one shall serve for  
30 one year, one for 2 years and one for 3 years, and  
31 whenever the term of office of a trustee expires the  
32 body which appointed said the trustee shall appoint a  
33 successor to serve the full term of 3 years, and in  
34 case any other vacancy arises it shall be filled in  
35 like manner for the unexpired term. They may also  
36 adopt such bylaws as are necessary for their own con-  
37 venience and the proper management of the affairs of  
38 the district. The term of office of said the  
39 trustees first chosen shall be considered to date  
40 from the first Monday of April, in the year of our  
41 lord nineteen hundred and twenty-nine 1929. Said The  
42 trustees may procure an office and incur such  
43 expenses as may be necessary. Each member shall  
44 receive in full compensation for his services an  
45 allowance of \$200 \$300 per year, plus \$15 for each  
46 meeting attended up to a total of 20 meetings per  
47 year. At the close of each fiscal year the trustees

1 shall make a detailed report of their doings, of the  
2 receipts and expenditures of said water district, of  
3 its financial and physical condition, and of such  
4 other matters and things pertaining to said district  
5 as shall show the inhabitants of said district how  
6 said trustees are fulfilling the duties and obli-  
7 gations of their trust, such reports to be made and  
8 filed with the municipal officers of the town of  
9 Mexico. The district shall have an annual post audit  
10 of its accounts which, with its annual report, shall  
11 be published as part of the annual report for the  
12 Town of Mexico.

13 Sec. 3. P&SL 1929, c. 102, §§9, 10 and 11 are  
14 repealed.

15 Sec. 4. P&SL 1929, c. 102, § 14 is amended to  
16 read:

17 Sec. 14. Rates regulated. All individuals,  
18 firms and corporations, whether private, public or  
19 municipal, shall pay to the treasurer of said the  
20 district the rates established by said the board  
21 of trustees for the water used by them, and said the  
22 rates shall be uniform within the territory supplied  
23 by the district. Said The rates shall be so estab-  
24 lished as to provide revenue for the following pur-  
25 poses:

26 I. To pay the current expenses for operating and  
27 maintaining the water system;

28 II. To provide for the payment of interest on  
29 the indebtedness created by the district; and

30 III. To provide each year a sum equal to not  
31 less than ~~one-half of one per cent~~ 1% nor more than  
32 ~~five per cent~~ 10% of the entire indebtedness created  
33 by the district, which sum shall be turned into a  
34 sinking fund and there kept to provide for the extin-  
35 guishment of said the indebtedness. The money set  
36 aside for the sinking fund shall be devoted to the  
37 retirement of the obligations of the district or  
38 invested in such securities as savings banks are  
39 allowed to hold.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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The purpose of this bill is to modernize the administration of the Mexico Water District and coordinate its activities with municipal activities of a similar nature. The repeal of Private and Special Law 1929, chapter 102, sections 9, 10 and 11 is occasioned by obsolescence and the recent enactment of statewide legislation covering these areas.

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