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L.D. 1293

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
111TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 988,  
L.D. 1293, Bill, "AN ACT to Increase the Borrowing  
Capacity of the Winterport Water District."

Amend the bill in the first line after the enact-  
ing clause, (page 2, line 6 in L.D.) by inserting at  
the beginning the following: 'Sec. 1.'

Further amend the bill by inserting before the  
emergency clause the following:

'Sec. 2. Public hearing; petition and refer-  
endum; effective date. The trustees shall provide  
notice to the general public of the proposed change  
in the charter of the Winterport Water District,  
increasing the debt limit from \$400,000 to \$800,000  
and the purposes for that increase. The notice shall  
be published at least twice in a newspaper having  
general circulation in the district. The trustees  
shall give notice to each ratepayer by mail.

Not less than 7 full days after notice was pub-  
lished and mailed, the trustees shall call a special  
district meeting to provide public information on the  
proposed charter change.

If, within 7 days after the special district  
meeting, a petition signed by at least 5% but not  
less than 50 of the registered voters of the district  
is filed with the clerk of the district requesting  
reference of the proposed charter change to refer-  
endum, the clerk of the district shall call a special  
election of the voters of the district. That special  
election shall be called, advertised and conducted  
according to the law relating to municipal elections.  
The clerk of the district shall prepare the required

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1 ballots, on which the subject matter of the Act shall  
2 be reduced to the following question:

3 "Shall the borrowing capacity of the Winterport  
4 Water District be increased from \$400,000 to  
5 \$800,000?"

6 This Act shall take effect for all purposes  
7 immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of the  
8 legal voters voting at the election. The result of  
9 the vote shall be declared by the trustees and due  
10 certificate thereof shall be filed by the clerk of  
11 the district with the Secretary of State.

12 In the event that no sufficient petition for a  
13 referendum is submitted within 7 days after the spe-  
14 cial district meeting, this Act shall take effect  
15 immediately, and the trustees shall so declare. Due  
16 certificate thereof shall be filed by the clerk of  
17 the district with the Secretary of State.'

18 Further amend the bill in the emergency clause by  
19 inserting after the words "when approved" the follow-  
20 ing words 'only for the purposes specified in section  
21 2. This Act shall take effect for all purposes as  
22 specified in section 2.'

23 STATEMENT OF FACT

24 The purpose of this amendment is to add a refer-  
25 endum, if 5% of the voters, but at least 50 voters,  
26 request it.

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