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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1496 House of Representatives, January 13, 1988
Approved for introduction by a majority of the
Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

Reference to the Committee on Utilities suggested and
ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative JACKSON of Harrison.

Cosponsored by Senator TWITCHELL of Oxford.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 **AN ACT to Clarify the Voting Method of**
2 **Expansion of the Harrison Water District.**
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4 **Emergency** preamble. Whereas, Acts of the
5 Legislature do not become effective until 90 days
6 after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

7 Whereas, under Private and Special Law 1987,
8 chapter 75, an election must be held not later than
9 June 1, 1988; and

1 Whereas, technical corrections are necessary to
2 that law and must take effect prior to the expiration
3 of the 90-day period; and

4 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these
5 facts create an emergency within the meaning of the
6 Constitution of Maine and require the following
7 legislation as immediately necessary for the
8 preservation of the public peace, health and safety;
9 now, therefore,

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

12 P&SL 1987, c. 75, §6 is amended to read:

13 Sec. 6. Referendum; effective date. The
14 trustees serving on the effective date of section 2 of
15 this Act may complete their terms. Replacement shall
16 be in accordance with section 2. Section 1 shall be
17 submitted to the legal voters of Harrison and the
18 legal voters of the district and of the territory to
19 be added to the district within Harrison and the legal
20 voters of the district and of the territory to be
21 added to the district within North Bridgton at a
22 special election or elections to be called and held
23 for the purpose on or before December 31, 1989. The
24 elections shall be called by the municipal officers of
25 the Towns of Harrison and Bridgton and shall be held
26 at the regular voting places. The dates of the
27 elections shall be determined by the municipal
28 officers, but the first election in the district shall
29 not be later than June 1, 1988. The special elections
30 shall be called, advertised and conducted according to
31 the law relating to municipal elections; except that
32 the board of registration shall not be required to
33 prepare nor the town clerks to post a new list of
34 voters, and for this purpose the board of registration
35 shall be in session on the 3 working days next
36 preceding the elections, the first and 2nd days to be
37 devoted to registration of voters and the last day to
38 enable the board to verify the corrections of the
39 lists and to complete and close their records of the
40 session. The town clerks shall reduce the subject

1 matter of this Act to the following question:

2 "Shall the boundaries of the Harrison Water
3 District be straightened and extended?"

4 The voters shall indicate by a cross (x) or check
5 mark () placed against the word "Yes" or "No" their
6 opinion of the same.

7 Section 1 of this Act shall take effect for all
8 purposes hereof immediately upon its acceptance by a
9 majority of the legal voters voting at the elections,
10 but only if the total number of votes cast for and
11 against the acceptance of this Act in the special
12 elections equals or exceeds 10% of the registered
13 voters of the district and of the territory to be
14 added to the district within the Town of Harrison and
15 10% of the registered voters of the district and of
16 the territory to be added to the district within North
17 Bridgton, but failure of approval by the necessary or
18 percentage of voters shall not prevent subsequent
19 elections.

20 The results of the elections shall be declared by
21 the municipal officers of the towns and due
22 certificates thereof shall be filed by the town clerks
23 with the Secretary of State.

24 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency
25 cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when
26 approved.

27 STATEMENT OF FACT

28 This bill makes some technical changes in Private
29 and Special Law 1987, chapter 75. In the original
30 law, only the voters of the Town of Harrison could
31 vote on the referendum. This bill allows the legal
32 voters of the districts and territories which are in
33 question to vote in the referendum.

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