

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, April 10, 1989

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

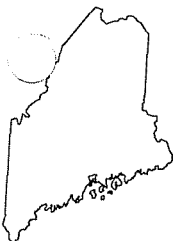
Presented by Representative CLARK of Millinocket.

Cosponsored by Representative STROUT of Windham, Representative PAUL of Sanford and Senator BOST of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Make Changes in the Law Relating to Quasi-municipal
Charter Changes.



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

3 Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §2352, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt.
A, §2 and Pt. C, §106, and as amended by PL 1989, cc. 6 and 9, is
5 further amended by adding a new paragraph at the end to read:

7 If the quasi-municipal corporation or district is not in the
8 area of jurisdiction of the joint standing committee having
9 jurisdiction over utility matters, the amendment or change shall
10 be submitted to the appropriate joint standing committee.

11 Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §2353, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt.
13 A, §2 and Pt. C, §106, and as amended by PL 1989, cc. 6 and 9, is
14 further amended to read:

15 §2353. Charter revisions

17 1. Board of trustees and municipal legislative bodies. If,
19 after the board of trustees of the quasi-municipal corporation or
20 district holds a public hearing on the proposed revision, a
21 majority of the board and a majority of each municipal
22 legislative body of the affected municipalities vote in favor of
23 a revision of the charter of the quasi-municipal corporation or
24 district, the proposed revision shall be submitted to the
25 quasi-municipal corporation or district voters in each affected
26 municipality according to the procedures in section 2354. If the
27 charter revision passes, the trustees of the quasi-municipal
28 corporation or district shall submit that change to the joint
29 standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over
30 utilities to be included in the annual omnibus legislation as
31 provided in section 2355. The revision is effective upon the
32 effective date of the omnibus legislation.

33 If the quasi-municipal corporation or district is not in the area
34 of jurisdiction of the joint standing committee having
35 jurisdiction over utility matters, the amendment or change shall
36 be submitted to the appropriate joint standing committee.

37 2. Alternative method, initiated petition. On the written
39 petition of a number of voters equal to at least 20% of the total
40 number of the votes cast in the affected municipalities in the
41 last gubernatorial election, but in no case less than 10 voters,
42 the proposed revision shall be submitted to the quasi-municipal
43 corporation or district voters in each affected municipality
44 according to the procedures in section 2354. If the charter
45 revision passes, the trustees of the quasi-municipal corporation
46 or district shall submit that change to the joint standing
47 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities
48 to be included in the annual omnibus legislation as provided in
49 section 2355. The revision is effective upon the effective date
50 of the omnibus legislation.

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2 of jurisdiction of the joint standing committee having
3 jurisdiction over utility matters, the amendment or change shall
4 be submitted to the appropriate joint standing committee.
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7 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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11 This bill clarifies that changes in quasi-municipal district
12 charters which do not involve utility districts should be
13 referred to the appropriate joint standing committee of the
14 Legislature rather than the joint standing committee of the
15 Legislature having jurisdiction over utility matters.