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Reference to the Committee on Utilities suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative FARREN of Cherryfield. Cosponsored by Senator FOSTER of Hancock.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Amend the Long Pond Water District Charter.

(EMERGENCY)

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Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and Whereas, the Long Pond Water District must take action as soon as possible to purchase the Long Pond Water Company and 6 become operational; and 8 Whereas, the appointment of the initial trustees 10 essential to the administration of the water district; and Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts 12 create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of 14 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and 16 safety; now, therefore, Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows: 18 Sec. 1. P&SL 1989, c. 121, §9, sub-§1 is repealed and the 20 following enacted in its place: 22 1. First board. The municipal officers of the Town of Sullivan and the Town of Sorrento shall appoint the first board 24 of trustees. The officers of the Town of Sullivan shall appoint one trustee and the officers of the Town of Sorrento shall 26 appoint 4 trustees. One trustee serves for a term of one year, 2 28 trustees serve for a term of 2 years and 2 trustees serve for a term of 3 years. At the first meeting, the initial trustees shall determine by agreement, or failing to agree they shall 30 determine by lot, the term of office of each trustee. Vacancies are filled pursuant to subsection 4. 32 Sec. 2. P&SL 1989, c. 121, §9, sub-§4, first 2 sentences are repealed 34 and the following enacted in their place: 36 Whenever the term of office of a trustee expires, the trustee's successor is elected by a plurality vote by the inhabitants of 38 the district. For the purpose of election, a special election 40 must be called and held during the last 2 weeks of July, the election to be called by the trustees of the district in the same manner as town meetings are called and for this purpose the 42 trustees are vested with the powers of municipal officers. 44

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the

preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

- This bill amends the charter of the Long Pond Water District by amending how the trustees will be appointed and successors' terms will be filled.

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