

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 115th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 527

House of Representatives, February 21, 1991

Reference to the Committee on Utilities suggested and ordered printed.

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative DUFFY of Bangor.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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An Act to Amend the Charter of the Bangor Water District.

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

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4 P&SL 1957, c. 39, §15 is enacted to read:

6 Sec. 15. Referenda on district decisions. Upon petition of at  
8 least 10% of the voters in the City of Bangor voting in the last  
10 gubernatorial election, decision of the district must be  
12 submitted to the legal voters of the City of Bangor at a regular  
14 election or a special election called and held for that purpose.  
16 The petition to submit a district decision to the voters must be  
18 submitted within 90 days of the district's decision. A special  
20 election must be called, advertised and conducted according to  
the law relating to municipal elections, except that the board of  
registration is not required to prepare for posting, nor the city  
clerk to post, a new list of voters. For the purpose of  
registration of voters, the board of voter registration shall be  
in session the secular day next preceding the special election.  
The city clerk shall prepare the required ballots, on which the  
clerk shall reduce the subject matter of the decision to a single  
question.

22 The voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed  
24 against the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the decision.

26 The decision takes effect immediately upon acceptance by a  
28 majority of the legal voters voting at the election, provided  
30 that the total number of votes cast for and against the  
acceptance of this Act equals or exceeds 20% of the total vote  
for all candidates for Governor cast in the district at the last  
gubernatorial election.

32 The result of the vote must be declared by the municipal  
34 officers of the City of Bangor and due certificate of the vote  
must be filed by the city clerk with the Secretary of State.

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38 STATEMENT OF FACT

40 This bill amends the charter of the Bangor Water District by  
42 adding a referendum clause that states if 10% of the district's  
44 voters sign a petition, the decision of the water district may be  
put to referendum. The bill also requires the petition to be  
submitted within 90 days of the district's decision.