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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1593, L.D. 2247, Bill, "An Act to Create the Waterboro Water District"

Amend the bill in section 11 by adding at the end the following:

'On the effective date of this Act pursuant to section 16, the Waterboro Water District, as successor to the responsibilities and powers of the Town of Waterboro with regard to the provision of water services to that area of the town in which there are contaminated wells, assumes, is bound by and enjoys all privileges, rights, obligations and liabilities established under the terms of the following contracts as they relate to the Town of Waterboro:

1. **Primary contract.** The September 19, 1989 contract between the State, acting through the Department of Environmental Protection, and the Town of Waterboro regarding the South Waterboro water system;

2. **Special service contracts.** Subsequent related Contract for Special Services agreements; and

3. **Further contracts.** Any further contracts entered into prior to the creation of the district between the State, acting through the Department of Environmental Protection, and the Town of Waterboro for the purposes of providing citizens of South Waterboro relief from wells contaminated by gasoline hydrocarbons or hazardous substances.'

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

2 'Sec. 17. Local referendum impact. Notwithstanding the Maine
Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 5684, additional costs, if
4 any, imposed on any municipality by the provisions of this Act
providing for a local referendum are not funded by the State.'

6 Further amend the bill in the emergency clause in the last
line (page 8, line 29 in L.D.) by inserting after the following:
8 "approved" the following: 'only for the purpose of permitting its
submission to the legal voters within the district'

10 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
12 statement of fact the following:

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16 **FISCAL NOTE**

The Public Utilities Commission will incur some minor
18 additional administrative costs to regulate an additional water
utility. These costs can be absorbed within the commission's
20 existing budgeted resources.'

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24 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

26 This amendment requires the Waterboro Water District to
assume all rights and responsibilities of the Town of Waterboro
28 under contracts entered into between the town and the Department
of Environmental Protection.

30 This amendment also makes a technical correction to the
32 emergency clause.

34 This amendment adds a provision that excepts the referendum
provision of the bill from the municipal mandate law.

36 This amendment adds a fiscal note.
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