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S.P. 964

In Senate, March 23, 1992

Reference to the Committee on Utilities suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MILLS of Oxford Cosponsored by Representative BARTH of Bethel.

STATE OF MAINE

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

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

(EMERGENCY)

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

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Whereas, the Town of Rangeley has held vote on reestablishing the Rangeley Water District; and

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Whereas, this legislation amends that section governing the selection of the first board of trustees; and

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

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

18 Sec. 1. P&SL 1991, c. 72, §9, sub-§1 is repealed and following enacted in its place:

1. First board. Within 14 days after acceptance of this Act, the municipal officers of the Town of Rangeley at a special meeting shall give notice of a special election of the Rangeley Water District, for the purpose of selecting the first board of trustees, by posting a notice at least 30 days prior to the date set for election. The notice must be posted in a conspicuous public place in the Town of Rangeley. The candidates for office of trustee shall obtain nomination papers from the Town Clerk of the Town of Rangeley, who is appointed especially to act as clerk in this particular instance. The nomination papers must be signed by not less than 10 nor more than 25 of the voters who reside in the district. The nomination papers must be filed with the clerk during business hours by the 10th day prior to the election day.

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The voters of the district from the Town of Rangeley shall elect 5 initial trustees as the first board of trustees. The initial trustees must be elected by a plurality vote by the voters of the district. The Rolling Co. C. D. France

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As soon as convenient after its election, the first board of trustees shall hold a meeting at a convenient place in the district, to be called by any member of the board in writing designating the time and place: That notice must be delivered in hand to the other 4 members not less than 2 full days before the meeting, except that the trustees elected may meet by agreement without the notice and upon appropriate waiver. The terms of office of the members of the first board of trustees are established as follows: the 2 members receiving the greatest number of votes serve until the June 1995 town meeting; the 2

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	members receiving the next highest number of votes serve unti.
2	the June 1994 town meeting; and the 5th member serves until the
	June 1993 town meeting. In the event of a tie vote, the terms of
4	office of the members affected are determined by lot.
	Thereafter, trustees are elected to serve for 3-year terms.
6	Vacancies are filled pursuant to subsection 4.
8	Sec. 2. Validity. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes,
	Title 30-A, chapter 120, the charter revisions in section 1 of
10	this Act do not require further action, approval, acceptance or
	vote by the voters of the Rangeley Water District or any other
12	entity or persons to become effective.
14	Sec. 3. Retroactivity. This Act applies retroactively to March
	11, 1992.
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	Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the
18	preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.
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	STATEMENT OF FACT
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	This bill revises the charter of the Rangeley Water
24	District, which was enacted by Private and Special Law 1991,
	chapter 72 and accepted on March 16, 1992 by the voters of the
26	Rangeley Water District.
28	This bill adds an appropriate nominating procedure and
	clarifies the election of the initial board of trustees. The
30	terms of office of the initial Board of Trustees are also changed
	to coincide with the annual June town meeting of the Town of
32	Rangeley to avoid holding a special town meeting in March.