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H.P. 540

House of Representatives, March 1, 1993

**An Act to Amend the Mars Hill Utility District.**

(EMERGENCY)

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Reference to the Committee on Utilities suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative KNEELAND of Easton.

Cosponsored by Representative: MacBRIDE of Presque Isle, Senator: LUDWIG of Aroostook.

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

Whereas, unless this legislation is enacted as an emergency  
measure, planned spring construction by the Mars Hill Utility  
District may be jeopardized; and

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,

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

Sec. 1. P&SL 1957, c. 143, §1 is amended to read:

Sec. 1. Territorial limits; corporate name and purpose. The  
inhabitants and territory within the town of Mars Hill and the  
inhabitants and territory within a certain tract or area,  
containing 800 acres, more or less, of the town of Blaine,  
bounded and described as follows: the block or area of land  
bounded northerly by the town line between the town of Blaine and  
the town of Mars Hill; easterly by the center line of the  
Prestile Stream; southerly by the center line of the Pierce Road  
and an extension westerly to the Bubar Road to a point 2,000 feet  
westerly of U. S. Route 1, as measured along the Bubar Road; and  
westerly by a line 2,000 feet westerly of and parallel to U. S.  
Route 1, in the county of Aroostook shall-be-and-hereby, are  
constituted a body politic and corporate under the name of the  
"Mars Hill Utility District," for the purpose of supplying the  
~~town of Mars Hill~~ district and the inhabitants of said ~~town~~ the  
district with pure water for domestic, commercial, sanitary and  
municipal purposes, including the extinguishment of fires, and of  
supplying the ~~town of Mars Hill~~ district and the inhabitants of  
said ~~town~~ the district with suitable and adequate sewerage and  
sewage treatment and disposal facilities, as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 2. P&SL 1957, c. 143, §2, first ¶ is amended to read:

Sec. 2. Powers. Said The Mars Hill Utility District is  
hereby authorized for the purpose aforesaid to take, collect,  
store, flow, use, detain, distribute and convey to the ~~town of~~  
~~Mars Hill~~ district or any part thereof of the district water from  
any lake, pond, stream or river or from any surface or  
underground brook, spring or vein of water in ~~town~~ or near said  
~~town~~ the district in the United States or Canada, and is also  
authorized to locate, construct and maintain aqueducts, pipes,  
conduits, standpipes, hydrants, pumping stations and other  
necessary

2 structures and equipment therefore, and do anything necessary to  
furnish water, sewerage, drainage and sewer treatment and  
4 disposal for public purposes and public health, comfort and  
convenience of the inhabitants of towns.

6 **Sec. 3. P&SL 1957, c. 143, §13** is amended to read:

8 **Sec. 13. Property; tax exempt.** The property of said the Mars  
Hill Utility District ~~shall-be~~ is exempt from all taxation in the  
10 town towns of Mars Hill, Blaine and Westfield.

12 **Sec. 4. Approval; Town of Blaine.** At a special town meeting  
held July 27, 1992 the Town of Blaine approved expansion of the  
14 boundaries of the Mars Hill Utility District to include a portion  
of the Town of Blaine.

16 **Sec. 5. Approval; Town of Mars Hill.** The town council of Mars  
18 Hill, pursuant to the charter of the Town of Mars Hill, Article  
II, Section 203, paragraph (j), approved expansion of the  
20 boundaries of the Mars Hill Utility District to include a portion  
of the Town of Blaine.

22 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the  
24 preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

26 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

28 This bill expands the territorial limits of the Mars Hill  
30 Utility District.