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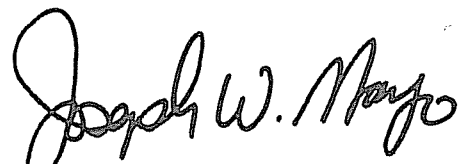
House of Representatives, April 12, 1993

**An Act to Amend the Charter of the East Pittston Water District.**

(EMERGENCY)

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Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative FARNSWORTH of Hallowell.

2           **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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6           Whereas, changes must be made to the charter of the East  
Pittston Water District; and

8           Whereas, the changes must take effect immediately to ensure  
the proper operation of the district; and

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12           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  
14 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and  
safety; now, therefore,

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

20           **Sec. 1. P&SL 1987, c. 144, §13-B is enacted to read:**

22           **Sec. 13-B. Property tax exempt.** The property of the district  
is exempt from all taxation in the Town of Pittston.

24           **Sec. 2. Emergency clause; referendum; effective date.** In view of  
the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when  
26 approved, except that the part making the property of the East  
Pittston Water District exempt from all taxation in the Town of  
28 Pittston takes effect only for the purpose of permitting its  
submission to the legal voters of the East Pittston Water  
30 District, resident in the district, at the next regular town or  
at a special town meeting to be called and held for the purpose  
32 by December 31, 1993. The election must be called, advertised  
and conducted according to the law related to municipal  
34 elections; provided, however, that the municipal officers of the  
town are not required to prepare for posting, nor the town clerk  
36 to post, a new list of voters and, for the purpose of  
registration of voters, the board of voter registration must be  
38 in session on the secular day next preceding the special  
election. The town clerk of the town shall prepare the required  
40 ballots, on which the town clerk shall reduce the subject matter  
of this Act to the following question:

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44           "Shall the charter that created the East Pittston Water  
District be amended to make the property of the district  
exempt from all taxation in the Town of Pittston?"

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48           The voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed  
against the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same. This  
Act takes effect immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of  
50 the legal voters voting at the election.

2           The result of the vote must be declared by the municipal  
3 officers of the Town of Pittston and due certificate thereof must  
4 be filed by the town clerk with the Secretary of State.

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#### STATEMENT OF FACT

10           This bill amends the charter of the East Pittston Water  
11 District by making the property of the district exempt from all  
12 taxation in the Town of Pittston.