

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 116th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1993

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Legislative Document

No. 1417

S.P. 450

In Senate, May 3, 1993

**An Act Allowing the Town of Pittsfield to Obtain Water from the Town  
of Burnham.**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.  
Reference to the Committee on Utilities suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CLANCHETTE of Somerset.  
Cosponsored by Senators: GOULD of Waldo, MARDEN of Kennebec, Representatives:  
CLEMENT of Clinton, TOWNSEND of Canaan.

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

Sec. 1. P&SL 1913, c. 210, §1 is amended to read:

Sec. 1. Corporate name; purpose; authorized sources of water supply. The territory of the town Town of Pittsfield in the county of Somerset County and the present and future inhabitants thereof ~~are hereby constituted~~ constitutes a body politic and corporate by the name of the "Pittsfield Water District," for the public purpose of supplying the aforesaid inhabitants of said the district with pure water for domestic, sanitary and municipal purposes. Said The water district is hereby authorized for the purpose of this act Act to take water from any lake or pond, located wholly or partly in the towns of Pittsfield, Palmyra, Hartland, Canaan, Detroit or, St. Albans, or Burnham or any river or stream in either ~~of said the~~ towns, or from wells or reservoirs therein, ~~provided, however but,~~ if water is taken from Starbird pond Pond, so-called, in Hartland, ~~none shall water may~~ not be taken which that is necessary for the use of the Hartland Water Company; or said the water district may obtain water by contract from any person or corporation.

Sec. 2. Referendum; effective date. This Act must be submitted to the legal voters within the district at an election called for that purpose and held by December 31, 1993. The election must be called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections, except that the registrar of voters is not required to prepare or the clerk to post a new list of voters and, for this purpose, the registrar of voters must be in session the 3 secular days preceding the election, of which the first 2 days must be devoted to registration of the voters and the last day to verification of the list and completion of the records of these sessions by the registrar. The subject matter of this Act is reduced to the following question:

"Do you favor amending the charter of the Pittsfield Water District to allow that district to take water from the Town of Burnham?"

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

The results must be declared by the municipal officers of the Town of Burnham and the due certificate of the results filed by the clerk with the Secretary of State.

This Act takes effect for all purposes immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters within the district

2 voting at the special election. Failure of the approval by the  
3 necessary majority of voters at any such election does not  
4 prevent a subsequent election or elections from being held for  
5 that purpose.

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#### STATEMENT OF FACT

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10 This bill allows the Pittsfield Water District to take water  
from any lake or pond located in the Town of Burnham.