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S.P. 630

In Senate, January 20, 1994

An Act to Protect the Interests of the Town of Otis in Certain Ponds.

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)

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.

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator FOSTER of Hancock.

	Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
2	become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
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6	Whereas, the Bangor Water District may attempt to take by eminent domain valuable rights, title and interest in real estate in the Town of Otis around Beech Hill Pond and Springy Pond; and
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10	Whereas, any property taken by the Bangor Water District in the Town of Otis will become tax exempt and will seriously erode the tax base of the Town of Otis and destroy future growth potential in the town; and
14	Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
16	Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
18	safety; now, therefore,
20	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
22	Sec. 1. P&SL 1957, c. 39, §4 is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:
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26	Notwithstanding any other provision of this charter or any other provision of law, the district may not take by eminent domain any land in the Town of Otis.
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30	Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.
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34	STATEMENT OF FACT
	This bill amends the charter of the Bangor Water District to
36	prohibit the district from taking by eminent domain any land in the Town of Otis.
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44	This document has not yet been reviewed to determine the need for cross-reference, stylistic and other technical amendments to conform existing law to current drafting standards.