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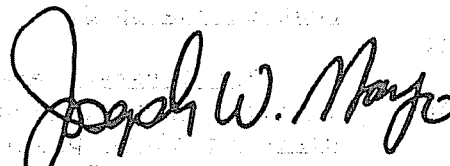
H.P. 1334

House of Representatives, January 27, 1994

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

(AFTER DEADLINE)

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.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative KETTERER of Madison.

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

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4 Sec. 1. P&SL 1913, c. 121, §7, as amended by P&SL 1943, c. 43, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

6 Sec. 7. Board of trustees; election, records, terms, etc. All the
8 affairs of the district are managed by a board of trustees of 3
10 members to be elected by a plurality vote of the legal voters in
12 the Town of Madison. Trustees serve for a term of 3 years.

14 Nominations and elections must be conducted in accordance
16 with the laws relating to municipal elections and elections must
18 be held on the same day as municipal elections are held in the
20 Town of Madison.

22 Whenever the term of office of a trustee expires, the
24 trustee's successor must be elected by a plurality vote by the
26 legal voters of the district for a term of 3 years. If a vacancy
28 arises, it must be filled for the remainder of the year by
30 appointment by the remaining trustees and at the next regular
32 meeting of the district the vacancy must be filled for the
34 unexpired term by a special election to be called by the trustees
36 of the district.

38 One week after each annual election, the trustees shall meet
40 for the purpose of electing a chair to serve for the ensuing year
42 or until a successor is elected and qualified. At the same
44 meeting, the trustees shall elect a treasurer who need not be a
46 member of the board of trustees. The trustees may hire and fix
48 the compensation of officers and agents who shall serve at their
50 pleasure. The treasurer shall furnish bond in the sum and with
 sureties as approved by the trustees. The district shall pay the
 cost of the bond.

The trustees are sworn to the faithful performances of their
 duties, which include the duties of any member who serves as
 clerk or clerk pro tem. The trustees shall make and publish an
 annual report, including a report of the treasurer.

The trustees may adopt and establish bylaws as are necessary
 for the proper management of the affairs of the district and
 perform other acts within the powers delegated to them by law.

All records of the meetings and other business of the
 district must be kept by the town clerk of the Town of Madison.

The trustees are entitled to compensation as recommended by
 the trustees and approved by a majority of the municipal officers
 of the Town of Madison, including compensation for duties
 performed as officers. Compensation for duties as trustees must
 be on the basis of a specific amount specified in the bylaws for

2 each meeting actually attended and reimbursement for travel and
3 expenses, with a total not to exceed a specific amount specified
4 in the bylaws.

5 **Sec. 2. Transition; trustees.** The trustees that are in office
6 at the time of the effective date of this Act shall continue to
7 serve until their terms expire.

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10 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

11 This bill amends the charter of the Madison Water District
12 to bring it into conformity with the Maine Revised Statutes,
13 Title 35, chapter 63.
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20 This document has not yet been reviewed to determine the
21 need for cross-reference, stylistic and other technical
22 amendments to conform existing law to current drafting standards.