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# 117th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 937

House of Representatives, April 13, 1995

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**An Act Concerning the Kennebec Water District.**

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Reference to the Committee on Utilities and Energy suggested and ordered printed.

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

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Speaker GWADOSKY of Fairfield.

Cosponsored by Representatives: JACQUES of Waterville, JOSEPH of Waterville, KONTOS of Windham, VIGUE of Winslow, Senator: CAREY of Kennebec.

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

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4 **Sec. 1. P&SL 1899, c. 200, §5,** as repealed and replaced by P&SL  
5 1987, c. 33, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its  
6 place:

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8 **Sec. 5. Trustees.** All the affairs of the Kennebec Water  
9 District must be managed by a board of trustees elected at the  
10 general election held in November of each even-numbered year.  
11 The board of trustees must consist of not less than 3 trustees,  
12 but no municipality or unorganized territory within the water  
13 district may have less than one trustee. Trustees serve 2-year  
14 terms and no individual may serve more than 3 terms consecutively.

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16 Nominations and elections must be conducted in accordance  
17 with the general laws of this State.

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19 The selection by the trustees of a chair, treasurer and  
20 clerk and any other necessary officers and agents employed by or  
21 serving the district, and compensation for any duties they  
22 perform, must be approved by a majority of the municipal officers  
23 of the municipality served by the district. When the district  
24 serves more than one municipality, approval is required by a  
25 majority vote of the municipal officers in each municipality in  
26 municipalities representing a majority of the population within  
27 the district. Compensation of the trustees must be similarly  
28 approved. Certification of the vote must be recorded with the  
29 Secretary of State and recorded in the bylaws of the district.

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32 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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34 The purpose of this bill is to provide greater oversight and  
35 accountability of the Kennebec Water District to the people it  
36 serves. This bill changes the configuration of the board of  
37 trustees and requires that trustee compensation and the selection  
38 by the trustees of a chair, treasurer and clerk be approved by a  
majority vote of the municipal officers of the municipalities  
representing a majority of the district's population.