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H.P. 1176

House of Representatives, December 8, 1995

**An Act Authorizing the Town of Mount Vernon to Withdraw from the
Cobbossee Watershed District.**

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.
Received by the Clerk of the House on December 6, 1995. Referred to the Committee on
Utilities and Energy and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative DAMREN of Belgrade.
Cosponsored by Senator CAREY of Kennebec and
Representative: AULT of Wayne.

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

2 **Sec. 1. P&SL 1971, c. 95, §1,** as repealed and replaced by P&SL
4 1973, c. 189, §1, is amended to read:

6 **Sec. 1. Territorial limits; name; purposes.** The territory and
8 inhabitants therein for the Towns and Cities of ~~Mount--Vernon,~~
10 Readfield, Winthrop, Wayne, Monmouth, Manchester, Litchfield,
12 West Gardiner, Gardiner and Richmond are created a body corporate
14 and politic under the name of "Cobbossee Watershed District" for
16 the purpose of protecting, improving and conserving the lakes,
18 ponds and other waterways within the territory of said district
which comprise the Cobbossee watershed, so called, down to 100
feet below the New Mills dam, so called, all for the public
health and welfare and for the benefit of said residents and of
the property on, adjacent to or near said watershed, in the
manner, with the rights, duties and immunities hereinafter in
this Act set forth.

20 **Sec. 2. P&SL 1971, c. 95, §3, 2nd ¶,** first sentence is amended to
22 read:

24 As soon as may be after the acceptance of this Act, as
26 hereinafter provided, the municipal officers of said 10
28 municipalities and the trustees of the Augusta Water District,
30 Winthrop Water District and the Gardiner Water District shall
32 each appoint a trustee to hold office as follows: Those
appointed by Readfield, Winthrop, Monmouth, Wayne and Manchester
shall be appointed for a 3-year term, those appointed by
Litchfield, West Gardiner, Richmond, ~~Mount--Vernon~~ and Gardiner
shall be appointed for a 2-year term and those appointed by said
water districts shall be appointed for a one-year term.

34 **Sec. 3. Effective date; referendum; certificate to Secretary of State.**
36 This Act takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the
38 Legislature only for the purpose of permitting its submission to
40 the legal voters of the Towns of Mount Vernon, Winthrop, Wayne,
42 Readfield, Monmouth, Manchester, Litchfield, West Gardiner and
44 Richmond and the City of Gardiner at meetings called and held for
46 the purpose. Such meetings must be called, advertised and
conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections;
except that the registrars of voters are not required to prepare,
nor the clerks to post, a new list of voters, and for the purpose
of registration of voters said registrars of voters shall be in
session on the secular day next preceding said meeting. The
municipal clerks shall reduce the subject matter of this Act to
the following question:

48 "Do you favor allowing the Town of Mount Vernon to withdraw
50 as a member of the Cobbossee Watershed District?"

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

4 This Act takes effect for all purposes immediately upon
acceptance by a majority of the municipalities voting at said
6 meetings; but only if the total number of votes cast for and
against the acceptance of this Act at any meeting of that
8 majority of the municipalities equaled or exceeded 15% of the
total vote for all candidates for Governor cast in said town at
10 the next preceding gubernatorial election, but failure of
approval of such meetings does not prevent a subsequent meeting
12 or meetings to be held for said purpose. The result of the votes
must be declared by the municipal officers of the town or city
14 and due certificate of the vote must be filed by the clerk with
the Secretary of State.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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The purpose of this bill is to allow the Town of Mount
Vernon to withdraw as a member of the Cobbossee Watershed
22 District.

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