

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 499

S.P. 170

In Senate, January 28, 1997

**An Act to Amend the Charter of the Canton Water District.**

(EMERGENCY)

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator FERGUSON of Oxford.  
Cosponsored by Representative: BERRY of Livermore.

2           **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not  
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted  
as emergencies; and

4           Whereas, the Canton Water District wants to amend its  
6 charter to require the annual meeting be keep within the first 2  
weeks of June; and

8           Whereas, the provisions of this Act are immediately  
10 necessary to ensure that the annual meeting will be held within  
the first 2 weeks of June; and

12           Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts  
14 create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of  
Maine and require the following legislation as immediately  
16 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and  
safety; now, therefore,

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

20           **Sec. 1.** P&SL 1957, c. 44, §6, as repealed and replaced by P&SL  
22 1989, c. 52, §5, is amended to read:

24           **Sec. 6. Trustees; election; meetings; officers.** All of the affairs  
of the district shall-be are managed by a board of 3 trustees who  
26 shall must be residents of the district and chosen as provided in  
this section.

28           At each annual meeting of the district, which annual meeting  
30 must be held within the first 2 weeks of June, one trustee shall  
be is elected by the district by ballot as provided in this Act  
32 to serve until the annual meeting of the district occurring 3  
years thereafter after the initial election and until a successor  
34 is elected and qualified. ~~Whenever-any~~ When a trustee ceases to  
be a resident of the district, the trustee vacates the office of  
36 trustee. Any A trustee who is absent without excuse for 3  
consecutive meetings of the board of trustees ~~shall-be-deemed is~~  
38 considered to have resigned. All trustees, if residents of the  
district, shall-be are eligible for reelection. Vacancies in the  
40 office of trustee shall must be filled by vote of the remaining  
trustees, to complete the unexpired term.

42           As soon as convenient after the annual meeting, the board of  
44 trustees shall hold a meeting at some convenient place in the  
district, to be called by any member, in writing, designating the  
46 time and place and delivered in hand or by mail to the other 2  
members, not less than 2 full days before the meeting, ~~previded~~  
48 that as long as they may meet by agreement without notice,  
immediately following the annual meeting, other than an  
50 announcement at the meeting. They shall elect a chair and clerk

2 and, not necessarily from their own number, a treasurer, and  
perform other business as may be necessary to carry on the work  
of the district.

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6 The trustees from time to time may choose and employ and fix  
the compensation of any other necessary agents and other  
employees, who shall serve at their pleasure. The treasurer  
8 shall furnish bond in sums and with sureties as the board of  
trustees may approve, the costs thereof of the bond to be paid by  
10 the district. Members of the board of trustees shall ~~be~~ are  
eligible to serve any office on the board. The trustees, as  
12 officers, shall receive as compensation for their services set by  
the selectmen municipal officers of the Town of Canton an amount  
14 not to exceed \$1,000 each per year.

16 The trustees shall ~~be~~ are sworn to the faithful performance  
of the duties of the offices, which shall include the duties of  
18 any a member who shall ~~serve~~ serves as clerk or clerk pro tem.  
They shall make and publish an annual report, including a report  
20 of the treasurer, and that report may be included in, and  
published as part of, the town report.

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24 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the  
preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

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28 **SUMMARY**

30 This bill requires the trustees of the Canton Water District  
to hold the district's annual meeting within the first 2 weeks of  
June.