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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 236, L.D. 805, Bill, "An Act to Create the Oquossoc Standard Water District"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the Emergency Preamble the following:

'Mandate preamble. This measure requires one or more local units of government to expand or modify activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues but does not provide funding for at least 90% of those expenditures. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 21, two thirds of all of the members elected to each House have determined it necessary to enact this measure.'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in the 3rd paragraph in the last line (page 2, line 17 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "to take" the following: 'and use'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in the 3rd paragraph in the last line (page 2, line 17 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "anywhere west of Hunter Cove" and inserting in its place the following: 'any source of supply within the Town of Rangeley west of Hunter Cove'

Further amend the bill in section 4 in the 3rd and 4th lines (page 2, lines 26 and 27 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "voters in accordance with section 6" and inserting in its place the following: 'legal voters within the district'

Further amend the bill in section 5 in the last line (page 2, line 30 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "terms"

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2 the following: 'in accordance with Title 35-A, section 6410,
subsubsection 1'

4 Further amend the bill in section 6 in the 4th line (page 2,
line 35 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Town of
6 Rangeley" and inserting in its place the following: 'territory
of the proposed district'

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10 Further amend the bill in section 6 in the 7th to 9th lines
(page 2, lines 38 to 40 in L.D.) by striking out the following:
12 "elections, except that the registrar of voters is not required
to prepare or the clerk to post a new list of voters." and
14 inserting in its place the following: 'elections. The registrar
shall make a complete list of all the eligible voters of the
16 proposed district as defined in this Act. The list prepared by
the registrar governs the eligibility of any voter. Voters who
18 are residing outside the territorial limits of the proposed
district, as defined in this Act, are not eligible voters and the
registrar of voters shall exclude those voters from the
20 registrar's list.'

22 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
summary the following:

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26 **FISCAL NOTE**

28 This bill requires the Town of Rangeley to hold a public
election. The additional costs of this state mandate are
30 relatively minor. Pursuant to the mandate preamble, the
two-thirds vote of all members elected to each House exempts the
32 State from the constitutional requirement to fund 90% of the
additional local costs.'

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36 **SUMMARY**

38 This amendment does the following:

- 40 1. Adds a mandate preamble to the bill;
- 42 2. Clarifies the area outside the territory of the proposed
Oquossoc Standard District in which the district is authorized to
44 take water;
- 46 3. Clarifies that only voters within the district are
authorized to vote for district trustees;
- 48 4. Makes the necessary reference to election procedures for
50 elections of trustees of standard water districts;

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- 2 5. Modifies the referendum clause to provide that only
- 4 voters within the proposed district are eligible to vote on the
- 4 creation of the district; and

- 6 6. Adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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