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In Senate, January 15, 1998

An Act to Amend the Charter of the Van Buren Light and Power District.

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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 PARADIS of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative SIROIS of Caribou and
Senator CAREY of Kennebec, Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, BELANGER of
Wallagrass, CLUKEY of Houlton, DESMOND of Mapleton, O'NEAL of Limestone,
SKOGLUND of St. George, WHEELER of Bridgewater.

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

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4 **Sec. 1. P&SL 1917, c. 182, §1**, as repealed and replaced by P&SL 1983, c. 15, is amended to read:

6 **Sec. 1. Territorial limits; name; purposes; bond issue authorized.**
8 The following described territory and the people within the
10 territory, namely all of the Town of Van Buren, excepting that
12 area contained by original Lots 237 through 246, inclusive; and
14 so much of the Town of Hamlin as is included in original Lots 306
16 through 308, inclusive; is hereby created a body politic and
18 corporate under the name of the Van Buren Light and Power
20 District; with the right of making, generating, purchasing,
22 selling, distributing and supplying gas or electricity, or both,
24 for lighting, heating, manufacturing or mechanical purposes, and
26 to sell the gas or electricity for street lighting purposes and
28 to light all public and private buildings, houses, stores,
30 warehouses, mills and business places in the district, and
 likewise for heating, domestic and power purposes. The district
 may construct and operate fiber-optic cable telecommunications
 facilities or the equivalent of those facilities. The district
 may build such system as may be required to carry out the
 purposes stated in this section, or acquire by purchase or the
 right of eminent domain any existing system or systems and
 enlarge or extend the system or systems as circumstances
 require. The district may also issue bonds in such amount as may
 appear necessary to fully accomplish these purposes with a view
 to furnishing the inhabitants of the district with gas and
 electricity and other services for all purposes to which the same
 may be advantageously applied.

32 **Sec. 2. P&SL 1917, c. 182, §9**, as amended by P&SL 1983, c. 76,
34 is further amended to read:

36 **Sec. 9. Rates and purposes for which money may be expended.** All
38 individuals, firms, and corporations, whether private, public or
40 municipal, shall pay to the treasurer of the Van Buren Light and
42 Power District the rates established by the board of trustees for
44 the electricity and other services used by them either for light,
 heat, power or other purposes, and the rates shall must be
 uniform within the district. The rates ~~shall~~ are subject to
 approval of the Public Utilities Commission, and ~~shall~~ must be so
 established as to provided for the following purposes:

46 1. **Expenses.** To pay the current running expenses for
48 maintaining the light and power system and other systems
 contemplated by this Act, and interest on all indebtedness;

