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No. 109

H.P. 96

House of Representatives, January 11, 1999

An Act to Amend the Charter of the Mars Hill Utility District.

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

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

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative KNEELAND of Easton.
Cosponsored by Senator PARADIS of Aroostook and
Representatives: BELANGER of Caribou, DUNCAN of Presque Isle, JOY of Crystal,
WHEELER of Bridgewater.

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

2 **Sec. 1. P&SL 1957, c. 143, §1**, as amended P&SL 1993, c. 17, §1,
4 is further amended to read:

6 **Sec. 1. Territorial limits; corporate name and purpose.** The
8 inhabitants and territory within the town of Mars Hill and the
inhabitants and territory within a--certain--tract--or--area,
10 containing--800--acres,--more--or--less,--of the town of Blaine,
bounded--and--described--as--follows:--the--block--or--area--of--land
12 bounded--northerly--by--the--town--line--between--the--town--of--Blaine--and
the--town--of--Mars--Hill;--easterly--by--the--center--line--of--the
14 Prestile--Stream;--southerly--by--the--center--line--of--the--Pierce--Road
and--an--extension--westerly--to--the--Bubar--Road--to--a--point--2,000--feet
16 westerly--of--U.--S.--Route--1,--as--measured--along--the--Bubar--Road;--and
westerly--by--a--line--2,000--feet--westerly--of--and--parallel--to--U.--S.--
18 Route--1, in the county of Aroostook, are constituted a body
politic and corporate under the name of the "Mars Hill Utility
20 District" for the purpose of supplying the district and the
inhabitants of the district with pure water for domestic,
22 commercial, sanitary and municipal purposes, including the
extinguishment of fires, and of supplying the district and the
24 inhabitants of the district with suitable and adequate sewerage
and sewage treatment and disposal facilities, as hereinafter
provided.

26 **Sec. 2. Referendum; effective date.** This Act takes effect when
28 approved only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the
legal voters within the Mars Hill Utility District and the Town
30 of Blaine at an election called for that purpose and held by
November 2, 1999. The election must be called, advertised and
32 conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections,
except that the registrar of voters is not required to prepare or
34 the clerk to post a new list of voters. For the purpose of
registration of voters, the registrar of voters must be in
36 session the secular day preceding the election. The subject
matter of this Act is reduced to the following question:

38 "Do you favor expanding the Mars Hill Utility District to
40 include the entire Town of Blaine?"

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

44 The results must be declared by the municipal officers of
46 the Town of Mars Hill and the Town of Blaine and due certificate
of the results filed by the clerk with the Secretary of State.

48 This Act takes effect for all purposes immediately upon its
50 approval by a majority of the legal voters voting at the

2 election. Failure to achieve the necessary approval in any
referendum does not prohibit subsequent referenda consistent with
4 this section, as long as the referenda are held prior to November
9, 2000.

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SUMMARY

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10 This bill amends the boundaries of the Mars Hill Utility
District to encompass the entire Town of Blaine upon approval at
referendum.