

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the  
**LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY**  
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library  
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied  
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

DATE: 4-16-99

(Filing No. H-242)

UTILITIES AND ENERGY

Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House.

STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
119TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 993, L.D. 1391, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Dover-Foxcroft Water District"

Amend the bill by inserting before the enacting clause the following:

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

Whereas, in order to ensure a smooth transfer of the fire prevention systems from the Dover-Foxcroft Water District to the Town of Dover-Foxcroft this legislation must go into effect immediately; and

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

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 (page 1, lines 5 to 12 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 2. P&SL 1985, c. 107, Pt. B, §§4 and 5 are repealed.'

Further amend the bill in section 3 in that part designated "Sec. 6." in the 2nd and 3rd lines (page 1, lines 17 and 18 in L.D.) by striking out the following: ", collector, 3 assessors" and inserting in its place the following: ',--collector,--3 assessers'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 Further amend the bill by inserting after section 5 the  
following:

4 'Sec. 6. P&SL 1985, c. 107, Pt. B, §8 is amended to read:

6  
8 **Sec. 8. Voting rights.** All persons who ~~are liable to be taxed~~  
by ~~the district and~~ reside within the territorial limits of the  
10 district and who are otherwise qualified to vote in municipal  
elections in the State of Maine shall ~~be~~ are members of the  
12 district and entitled to vote at its meetings and shall ~~be~~ are  
eligible to hold office in the district.

14 **Sec. 7. P&SL 1985, c. 107, Pt. B, §9** is repealed.'

16 Further amend the bill by inserting after section 6 the  
following:

18  
20 **'Sec. 7. Emergency clause; referendum; effective date.** In view of  
the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when  
22 approved only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the  
legal voters within the Town of Dover-Foxcroft at an election  
24 called for that purpose and held by September 30, 1999. The  
election must be called, advertised and conducted according to  
26 the law relating to municipal elections, except that the  
registrar of voters is not required to prepare or the clerk to  
post a new list of voters. For the purpose of registration of  
28 voters, the registrar of voters must be in session the secular  
day preceding the election. The subject matter of this Act is  
30 reduced to the following question:

32 "Do you favor amending the charter of the Dover and Foxcroft  
Water District to authorize the transfer of the fire  
34 department to the Town of Dover-Foxcroft?"

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

38  
40 The results must be declared by the municipal officers of  
the Town of Dover-Foxcroft and due certificate of the results  
filed by the clerk with the Secretary of State.

42  
44 This Act takes effect for all purposes immediately upon its  
approval by a majority of the legal voters voting at the  
46 election. Failure to achieve the necessary approval in any  
referendum does not prohibit subsequent referenda consistent with  
this section, provided the referenda are held prior to September  
48 30, 2001.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 993, L.D. 1391

2 Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any  
nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read  
consecutively.

6 **SUMMARY**

8 This amendment makes further corrections to the charter of  
the Dover and Foxcroft Water District in order to bring the  
10 entire charter in conformity with the changes made by the bill.  
This amendment also adds an emergency preamble, an emergency  
12 clause and a referendum to the bill.