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### An Act to Revise the Hampden Water District Charter.

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

*Millicent M. MacFarland*

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative DUPREY of Hampden.

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

2           **Sec. 1. P&SL 1937, c. 34, §8, 2nd ¶, last sentence,** as enacted, is  
4 repealed.

6           **Sec. 2. P&SL 1937, c. 34, §8, 3rd ¶,** as amended by P&SL 1969, c.  
8 34, §§2 and 3, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

10           As soon as convenient after the initial members of the board  
12 are chosen, the trustees shall hold a meeting at the town  
14 councilor's office in the Town of Hampden, to be called by one of  
16 the trustees upon reasonable notice as the trustee determines  
18 proper. They shall organize by the election of a president and  
20 clerk, adopt a corporate seal and, when necessary, may choose a  
22 treasurer and all other needful officers and agents for the  
24 proper conduct and management of the affairs of the district.  
They may also ordain and establish bylaws as are necessary for  
their own convenience and the proper management of the affairs of  
the district. The trustees of said district holding office at  
the effective date of the act continue to hold office until the  
annual town meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Hampden  
next following the expiration of the current term of office of  
each trustee.

26           At the annual town meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of  
28 Hampden to be held in the year 1970, and at each annual town  
30 meeting after that date, the inhabitants shall choose the  
trustees of the district for a term of 5 years. The trustees  
must be nominated and elected under the same procedure as  
provided for the town councilors of the town.

32           The term of office of the trustees begins on the 3rd Thursday of  
34 January. In the event a vacancy arises in the membership of the  
36 board of trustees, the unexpired term of the vacant office must  
38 be filled by the Town Council of the Town of Hampden. When any  
40 trustee ceases to be a resident of the district, the trustee  
42 shall vacate the office of trustee and the vacancy must be filled  
44 pursuant to this section. All trustees are eligible for  
46 reelection, but a person holding the office of town councilor or  
48 road commissioner in the Town of Hampden is not eligible for  
nomination or election as trustee. The trustees may procure an  
office and incur expenses as may be necessary. The compensation  
of the trustees and the treasurer of the board of trustees is  
determined by the board of trustees. At the close of each fiscal  
year, the trustees shall make a detailed report of their doings,  
of the receipts and expenditures of the water district, of its  
financial and physical condition and of any other matters and  
things pertaining to the district that will show the inhabitants  
of the district how the trustees are fulfilling the duties and

obligations of their trust, such report to be made and filed with  
the Town Council of the Town of Hampden.

Sec. 3. P&SL 1937, c. 34, §10, as enacted, is amended to read:

Sec. 10. Contracts for supplying water. Said ~~The~~ water district is hereby authorized to make contracts with the ~~town~~ Town of Hampden and with corporations and inhabitants of said ~~the~~ district, for the purpose of supplying water as contemplated by this act, and the ~~town~~ Town of Hampden by its ~~selectmen~~ town councilors is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with said ~~the~~ district for a supply of water for public uses on such terms and for such time as the parties may agree, which contract when made shall ~~be~~ is legal and binding on all parties ~~thereto~~ to the contract and said ~~town~~ the Town of Hampden for said purposes may raise money in the same manner as for other municipal charges.

Sec. 4. P&SL 1937, c. 34, §14, as enacted, is amended to read:

Sec. 14. Qualified voters. In all elections hereunder under this act the ~~selectmen~~ town councilors of the ~~town~~ Town of Hampden shall exclude from their lists and from all check lists the legal voters who are resident outside the territorial limits of said ~~the~~ water district as defined in this act, and all warrant issued for elections shall must be varied accordingly to show that only the voters resident within the territorial limits of said ~~the~~ water district are entitled to vote hereunder.

## SUMMARY

This bill amends the terms of the trustees of the Hampden Water District and indicates that compensation for the trustees and the treasurer of the board of trustees will be determined by the board of trustees.