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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 700, L.D. 904, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Corinna Water District"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. Territorial limits; corporate name. Pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 6403, subsection 1, paragraph B, that part of the Town of Corinna described as follows: Beginning at a point where the west line of Lot 13 in Corinna intersects State Aid Highway #1 leading from Corinna village to St. Albans village; thence running southerly along the west line of Lot 13 to a point, on the same line extended 100 rods southerly from the north line of Range 2 in said Corinna; thence easterly on a line parallel to the north line of Range 2 to a point where said line intersects the center line of the road leading from Southard's Mills, so called, southeasterly to the White school house district; thence northerly in a straight line to the easterly end of the bridge crossing Alder Stream on State Aid Highway #1 leading from Corinna village to Exeter; thence northerly in a straight line to a point where the north line of Range 4 in Corinna intersects State Highway J leading from Corinna village to Dexter; thence westerly in a straight line to the point of beginning; and its inhabitants constitute a standard water district under the name "Corinna Water District," referred to in this Act as the "district."

Sec. 2. Powers; authority; duties. The district has all the powers and authority and is subject to all requirements and

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restrictions provided in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, chapter 64.

Sec. 3. Power to take water. For purposes of its incorporation, the district is authorized to take water from any source in the Town of Corinna.

Sec. 4. Number of trustees. The board of trustees of the district is composed of 3 trustees. A trustee must be a resident of the district and reside in a household to which the district's service is provided.

Sec. 5. Terms of trustees. Trustees are elected to 3-year terms in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 6410, subsection 1.

Sec. 6. Debt limit. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 6413, the district may issue bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness payable within a period of more than 12 months up to a total amount of \$1,000,000. The district may establish a higher debt limit in accordance with Title 35-A, section 6413.

Sec. 7. State funds exempt from investigation. The management and allocation by the district of a contribution of funds by the State under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 568, subsection 2 and the income from those funds are not subject to investigation or review by the Public Utilities Commission under Title 35-A, section 310, 1302 or 1303, except upon request by the Department of Environmental Protection.

Sec. 8. Continuation of Corinna Water District. The purpose of this Act is to modernize the charter of the Corinna Water District, established under Private and Special Law 1947, chapter 86, using the Standard Water District Enabling Act. The terms of office to which trustees of the Corinna Water District serving on the effective date of this Act were elected are unaffected by this Act. The trustees' successors are elected in accordance with this Act. Except as specifically provided by this Act, nothing in this Act is intended to alter or affect or may be interpreted as altering or affecting any debts, liabilities, obligations, rights or privileges of the Corinna Water District.

Sec. 9. P&SL 1947, c. 86, as amended, is repealed.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. This amendment modernizes the charter of the Corinna Water District using the Standard Water District Enabling Act. The amendment preserves certain provisions of the existing charter:

1. The authority of the district to take water from any source in the Town of Corinna;

2. The district's authorization to incur debt up to \$1,000,000, though the district is also granted the authority of a standard water district to increase this debt limit through the use of a referendum process; and

3. Exemption from review by the Public Utilities Commission of the district's management and allocation of funds received from the Department of Environmental Protection, except on request by the department.