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An Act to Amend the Charter of the Corinna Water District.

(EMERGENCY)

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

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative TOBIN of Dexter.
Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and
Representatives: ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, BERRY of Belmont, GOODWIN of Pembroke,
JODREY of Bethel, JONES of Greenville, KASPRZAK of Newport, McGLOCKLIN of
Embden, PERKINS of Penobscot.

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

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6 **Whereas,** uninterrupted collection and distribution of water
is essential to the health and welfare of inhabitants of Corinna;
and

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10 **Whereas,** the water district may apply for and receive grants
to ensure uninterrupted water service; and

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

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

20 **Sec. 1. Territorial limits; corporate name.** Pursuant to the Maine
Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 6403, subsection 1,
22 paragraph B and subject to section 8 of this Act, that part of
the Town of Corinna described as follows: Beginning at a point
24 where the west line of Lot 13 in Corinna intersects State Aid
Highway #1 leading from Corinna village to St. Albans village;
26 thence running southerly along the west line of Lot 13 to a
point, on the same line extended 100 rods southerly from the
28 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
30 intersects the center line of the road leading from Southard's
Mills, so called, southeasterly to the White school house
32 district; thence northerly in a straight line to the easterly end
of the bridge crossing Alder Stream on State Aid Highway #1
34 leading from Corinna village to Exeter; thence northerly in a
straight line to a point where the north line of Range 4 in
36 Corinna intersects State Highway J leading from Corinna village
to Dexter; thence westerly in a straight line to the point of
38 beginning; and its inhabitants constitute a standard water
district under the name "Corinna Standard Water District,"
40 referred to in this Act as the "district."

42 **Sec. 2. Powers; authority; duties.** The district has all the
powers and authority and is subject to all requirements and
44 restrictions provided in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A,
chapter 64.

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48 **Sec. 3. Power to take water.** The district is authorized to
take, hold, diversity, use and distribute water from any lake or
pond in the Town of Corinna and from any well, surfaced or
50 underground brook, stream, spring or

2 vein of water in the town. The authority to supply the
inhabitants of the town who are not within the district is
subject to the discretion of the board of trustees.

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6 **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
8 service is provided.

10 **Sec. 5. Appointment of first board.** The first board is selected
by the municipal officers of the Town of Corinna within 6 months
12 of approval of this Act by the voters in accordance with section
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16 **Sec. 6. Terms of trustees.** After the selection of the first
board, trustees are elected to 3-year terms in accordance with
the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 6410, subsection
18 1.

20 **Sec. 7. P&SL 1947, c. 86,** as amended by P&SL 1995, c. 42, §§1
to 4 and affected by §5, is repealed.

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24 **Sec. 8. Emergency clause; referendum; effective date.** In view of
the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when
approved only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the
26 legal voters within the territory described in section 1 of this
Act at a regular or special election called for that purpose.
28 The election must be called by the municipal officers of the town
and must be held at the regular voting places. The election must
30 be called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating
to municipal elections, except that the registrar of voters is
32 not required to prepare or the clerk to post new lists of
voters. For the purpose of registration of voters, the registrar
34 of voters must be in session the secular day preceding the
election. The subject matter of this Act is reduced to the
36 following question:

38 "Do you favor creating the Corinna Standard Water District?"

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

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

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48 This Act takes effect for all purposes immediately upon its
approval by a majority of the legal voters voting at the
election. Failure to achieve the necessary approval in any
50 referendum does not prohibit subsequent referenda consistent with

2 this section, as long as the referenda are held prior to July 1,
2002.

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SUMMARY

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This bill creates the Corinna Standard Water District.