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H.P. 1343

House of Representatives, May 10, 2001

An Act to Amend the Charter of the Buckfield Village Corporation.

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative GAGNE of Buckfield.
Cosponsored by Senator FERGUSON of Oxford and
Representatives: HEIDRICH of Oxford, McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth, VOLENIK of
Brooklin, WINSOR of Norway.

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, the requirements in the charter of the Buckfield
Village Corporation that all officers of the corporation be
elected at an annual election have made it difficult to fill
8 offices such as clerk, treasurer and collector, and foreclose the
ability of the voters of the corporation to give the assessors
10 the ability to appoint persons to these offices, including
persons who are not residents of the corporation; and

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14 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
16 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
safety; now, therefore,

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

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22 **Sec. 1.** P&SL 1887, c. 58, §7 is repealed and the following
enacted in its place:

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26 Sec. 7. The assessors must be chosen by ballot at the
annual election in the month of March. All other officers of the
corporation must be chosen in the same manner unless the
28 corporation votes at a meeting held at least 90 days before the
annual meeting to make an office appointed by the assessors. If
the corporation votes to make an office appointed by the
30 assessors, the person appointed by the assessors is not required
to be a resident of the corporation.

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

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SUMMARY

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40 This bill allows the voters of the Buckfield Village
Corporation to determine that the assessors of the corporation
appoint some or all of the other officers. It also allows a
42 person to be appointed to an office who is not a resident of the
corporation.