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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
120TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1568, L.D. 2073, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Portland Water District for the Purpose of Redistricting Trustee Representation to Reflect 2000 Census Data"

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Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

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'Resolve, to Base Representation for the Portland Water District on Water Consumption'

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Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

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'Sec. 1. Plan for drawing district based on water consumption. Resolved: That the Public Utilities Commission shall develop a plan to amend the charter of the Portland Water District, Private and Special Law 1907, chapter 433, as amended, to base representation on the Board of Trustees of the Portland Water District on consumption of water. The commission shall include in its plan the following:

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1. Redistricting. The boundaries of the districts of the trustees must be drawn so that the trustees' districts are based upon actual consumption;

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2. Number of trustees. The number of trustees must remain 11;

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3. Terms. Changes to the length of the terms of the trustees, including recommendations as to whether the terms should be staggered;

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4. Review. The Public Utilities Commission shall review the districts of the trustees every 5 years to ensure that the representation accurately reflects the consumption in those districts; and

5. Elections. Election of the trustees must be done at a general or statewide election, beginning with a general election held in November 2004.

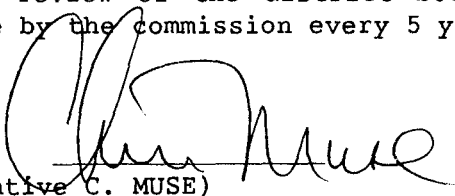
The Public Utilities Commission shall submit its plan, along with recommended implementing legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities matters no later than January 15, 2003. The committee may report out legislation relating to the commission's plan to the First Regular Session of the 121st Legislature.'

FISCAL NOTE

The Public Utilities Commission will incur some minor additional costs to develop a plan to amend the charter of the Portland Water District to base representation on the Board of Trustees on the consumption of water. These costs can be absorbed within the commission's existing budgeted resources.

SUMMARY

This resolve requires the Public Utilities Commission to develop a plan, to be reviewed by the Legislature, redistricting the representation of the trustees of the Portland Water District based upon water consumption. The number of trustees would remain at 11 but the commission is required to make recommendations regarding the length of the terms of the trustees. A review of the district boundaries of the trustees would be done by the commission every 5 years.

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