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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "*A*" to S.P. 800, L.D. 2159, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Corinna Water District to Allow for the Appointment of Trustees"

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 2 and 3 (page 1, lines 33 to 50 in L.D.) and inserting in their place the following:

Sec. 2. P&SL 2001, c. 13, §8 is amended to read:

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. 3. Transition provision. Trustees serving on the effective date of this Act continue to serve until their successors are appointed pursuant to this Act. Appointments must be made within 3 months of the effective date of this Act. The terms of the first trustees appointed pursuant to this section must be staggered so that the term of one trustee expires on March 31, 2003, the term of one trustee expires on March 31, 2004 and the term of one trustee expires on March 31, 2005.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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2 **Sec. 4. Existing trustees.** The term of the trustee whose term
 expires on March 31, 2001 is extended until that trustee's
 4 successor is appointed pursuant to this Act. The term of the
 trustee whose term expires on March 31, 2002 is extended until
 6 the trustee's successor is appointed pursuant to this Act.
 Notwithstanding Private and Special Law 2001, chapter 13, section
 8 4, trustees serving on the effective date of this Act are not
 required to reside in a household to which the district's service
 10 is provided. The provisions of this section are retroactive to
 March 31, 2001.'

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SUMMARY

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The current trustees of the Corinna Water District were
 appointed by the municipal officers of the Town of Corinna. In
 18 the change to the district's charter accomplished by Private and
 Special Law 2001, chapter 13, this was prospectively changed and
 20 the trustees' successors were to be elected. Under the bill, the
 trustees are again to be appointed by the municipal officers of
 22 the Town of Corinna. This amendment provides that the new
 trustees of the Corinna Water District are to be appointed within
 24 3 months of the effective date of the legislation. This
 amendment also retroactively extends the terms of existing
 26 trustees until their successors are appointed and retroactively
 removes the requirement created by Private and Special Law 2001,
 28 chapter 13 that the trustees be residents of the district.