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An Act To Establish Citizen Ownership of Maine's Groundwater

Reference to the Committee on Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND
Clerk

Presented by Representative EDER of Portland.
Cosponsored by Representative: DUDLEY of Portland.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §401-A** is enacted to read:

6 **§401-A. Groundwater is a public natural resource**

8 Groundwater is a public natural resource owned by all the
10 citizens of this State. The citizens of this State have the
12 right to regulate the extraction and use of groundwater.

14 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill provides that groundwater is a public natural
18 resource owned by all the citizens of this State. The citizens
of this State have the right to regulate the extraction and use
of groundwater.