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An Act To Create the Princeton Standard Water District

(EMERGENCY)

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative McLEOD of Lee.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BURNS of Berwick, CEBRA of Naples, GIFFORD of Lincoln, JACOBSEN of Waterboro, McFADDEN of Dennysville, TIBBETTS of Columbia.

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

3 **Whereas,** a number of private wells in the Town of Princeton have been
4 contaminated and this poses a serious threat to the health and well-being of the
5 inhabitants of the area; and

6 **Whereas,** an adequate supply of pure water is essential to the health and well-being
7 of the inhabitants of the Town of Princeton; and

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

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

13 **Sec. 1. Territorial limits; corporate name.** Pursuant to the Maine Revised
14 Statutes, Title 35-A, chapter 64, that part of the Town of Princeton described as Tax Map
15 8 and Tax Map 10 and its inhabitants constitute a standard water district under the name
16 of Princeton Water District, referred to in this Act as "the district."

17 **Sec. 2. Powers; authority; duties.** The district has all the powers and authority
18 and is subject to all the requirements and restrictions provided in the Maine Revised
19 Statutes, Title 35-A, chapter 64, except as otherwise provided in this Act.

20 **Sec. 3. Power to take water.** The district is authorized to take, to hold and to
21 convey within the Town of Princeton and from any part of the town water from any
22 surface or groundwater source within the town.

23 **Sec. 4. Number of trustees.** The board of trustees of the district is composed of 3
24 trustees. A trustee must be a resident of the Town of Princeton but need not reside in a
25 household to which the district's service is provided.

26 **Sec. 5. First board.** The first board is appointed by the municipal officers of the
27 Town of Princeton in accordance with this Act. The terms of the first board are governed
28 by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 6410.

29 **Sec. 6. Terms of trustees.** After the appointment of the first board of the district,
30 trustees are elected to 3-year terms.

31 **Sec. 7. State funds exempt from investigation.** The management and
32 allocation by the Princeton Water District of a contribution of funds by the State under
33 the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 568, subsection 2 and the income from those
34 funds are not subject to investigation or review by the Public Utilities Commission under
35 Title 35-A, section 310, 1302 or 1303, except upon request by the Department of
36 Environmental Protection.

