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An Act To Amend the Charter of the Caribou Utilities District

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative EDGECOMB of Caribou.

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

2 **Sec. 1. P&SL 1945, c. 83, §10-A** is enacted to read:

3 **Sec. 10-A. Contracts for disposal of sewage.** The district may contract with
4 persons, corporations, districts and other municipalities, both inside and outside the
5 boundaries of the district and with the State of Maine and the United States Government
6 or any agency of either, to provide for disposal of sewage and commercial and industrial
7 waste and storm and surface water through the district's system and through the system of
8 any such person, corporation, district or other municipality; and every other district and
9 municipality of the State of Maine is authorized to contract with the district for the
10 collection, distribution, treatment and disposal of sewage and commercial and industrial
11 waste and storm and surface water, and for said purposes any such municipality may raise
12 money as for other municipal charges.

13 **Sec. 2. P&SL 1945, c. 83, §16-C** is enacted to read:

14 **Sec. 16-C. Authority to disconnect water for nonpayment of sewer**
15 **service.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in the event a user of the district's
16 sewer system fails within a reasonable time to pay the district's rates, fees or charges for
17 service, the district may disconnect water service to the user, as long as the disconnection
18 is accomplished in accordance with procedures established in applicable law or rules
19 governing disconnection of utility services and terms and conditions approved by the
20 Public Utilities Commission.

21 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill amends the charter of the Caribou Utilities District by allowing the district
23 to disconnect the water service of a consumer for nonpayment of sewer services and also
24 allows the district to enter into contracts for the disposal of sewage with organizations
25 inside and outside the boundaries of the district.