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### An Act To Amend the Charter of the Buckfield Village Corporation

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative HAYES of Buckfield.

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

2           **Sec. 1. Territory.** The inhabitants of and the territory within that part of the Town  
3 of Buckfield described as follows constitute a standard district under the name of the  
4 Buckfield Village Water District, referred to in this Act as "the district," for the purpose  
5 of supplying the district and the inhabitants of the district with pure water for domestic,  
6 commercial, sanitary, industrial, agricultural and municipal purposes: Tax Map 6, Lot 1,  
7 Parcel 14; Lot 2, Parcels 1 and 2; Lot 3, Parcels 3, 5, 27, 27.1, 28, 31, 32, 35 and 35.1;  
8 Lot 4, Parcels 1, 2 and 3; Tax Map 7, Lot 4, Parcels 11, 12 and 21; Tax Map 12, Lot 1,  
9 Parcels 1, 2, 2.1, 3, 3.1, 4, 4.1, 4.2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 9.1, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 2A; Lot  
10 2, Parcels 2, 5, 6, 7, 7.1, 8, 9, 9.1 and 9.2; Lot 3, Parcels 2, 4, 5, 6.1, 6.10, 6.11, 6.12,  
11 6.13, 6.14, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5, 6.6, 6.7, 6.8 and 6.9; Lot 4, Parcels 3, 3.2, 6, 7 and 8; Lot 8,  
12 Parcels 6.1, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 18.1, 18.3, 20 and 8A; Lot 9, Parcels 1, 1.1,  
13 1.2, 1.3, 1.6, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 11; Lot 10, Parcels 1 and 1B; all of Tax Map 13; and all  
14 of Tax Map 14.

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

18           **Sec. 3. Additional powers.** The district is authorized to provide service to  
19 customers in the Town of Buckfield outside the territory described in section 1.

20           **Sec. 4. Power to take water.** The district is authorized to take, to hold and to  
21 convey within the Town of Buckfield and from any part of the town water from any  
22 surface water or groundwater source within the town.

23           **Sec. 5. Number of trustees.** All of the affairs of the district are managed by a  
24 board of trustees composed of 3 members, 2 of whom shall serve 3-year terms, must  
25 reside within the territory of the district and are elected by a plurality vote at the annual  
26 meeting of the district. One member is appointed by the selectpersons of the Town of  
27 Buckfield for a one-year term and must be a resident of the Town of Buckfield.

28           **Sec. 6. Vacancy.** When the term of office of an elected trustee expires, the  
29 trustee's successor must be elected by a plurality vote by the inhabitants of the district.  
30 The trustee elected serves the full term of 3 years. If a vacancy arises in the elected  
31 membership of the board of trustees, the vacancy must be filled for the unexpired term by  
32 a special election to be called by the trustees, upon 24 days' notice. If a vacancy arises in  
33 the appointed membership of the board of trustees, the selectpersons of the Town of  
34 Buckfield shall make an appointment for the unexpired term within 60 days.

35           **Sec. 7. P&SL 1887, c. 58,** as amended by P&SL 2001, c. 26, §1, is repealed.

36           **Sec. 8. P&SL 1887, c. 82** is repealed.

37           **Sec. 9. P&SL 1891, c. 67** is repealed.

38           **Sec. 10. P&SL 1899, c. 145** is repealed.

1           **Sec. 11. P&SL 1901, c. 362** is repealed.

2           **Sec. 12. P&SL 1903, c. 267** is repealed.

3           **Sec. 13. P&SL 1905, c. 216** is repealed.

4           **Sec. 14. P&SL 1907, c. 229** is repealed.

5           **Sec. 15. P&SL 1927, c. 15**, as amended by P&SL 1961, c. 76, is repealed.

6           **Sec. 16. Transition; assessors in office.** Assessors of the Buckfield Village  
7 Corporation in office on the effective date of this Act may continue in office for the  
8 remainder of their terms. When the term of office of an assessor expires, that assessor's  
9 successor trustee must be elected in accordance with this Act.

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### SUMMARY

11           This bill amends the charter of the Buckfield Village Corporation by amending the  
12 corporation's territory, changing how the corporation is managed from a board of  
13 assessors to trustees and giving the corporation the authority to operate as a water district.  
14 The bill also repeals charters that give the corporation conflicting powers and duties.