

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, March 10, 2011

### An Act To Amend the Charter of the Anson Water District

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Clerk

Presented by Representative DUNPHY of Embden.  
Cosponsored by Representative CURTIS of Madison, Senator WHITTEMORE of Somerset and Representatives: FOSTER of Augusta, MAKER of Calais, McCLELLAN of Raymond, O'CONNOR of Berwick, SANDERSON of Chelsea, WINTLE of Garland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. P&SL 1915, c. 200, §1**, as amended by P&SL 2005, c. 51, §1, is further  
3 amended to read:

4 **Sec. 1. Anson Water District created; purposes; territory.** The following  
5 described territory and the inhabitants within the same constitute a body politic and  
6 corporate under the name of the Anson Water District, for the purpose of supplying the  
7 inhabitants of the district with pure water for domestic, sanitary and municipal purposes,  
8 to wit: So much of the Town of Anson, in Somerset County, as is described as follows:

9 Starting at the intersection of New Portland Road and the Anson town  
10 line bordering the Town of Embden; thence in a southeasterly direction  
11 along New Portland Road to a point 69°55'12.66"W, 44°52'27.82"N  
12 44°51'32.58"N; thence in a southwesterly direction to a point  
13 ~~69°55'27.95"W, 44°49'7.33"N~~ 69°55'28.44"W, 44°49'6.98"N; thence in a  
14 southerly direction to the intersection of Pease Hill Road and West Mills  
15 Road; thence in a southwesterly direction along West Mills Road to the  
16 intersection of West Mills Road and Mayhew Road; thence in a southerly  
17 direction along Mayhew Road to the intersection of Mayhew Road and  
18 the Anson town line bordering the Town of Starks; thence in a  
19 northeasterly direction along the Anson town line to the border of the  
20 Town of Madison; thence in a northerly direction along the Anson town  
21 line bordering the Town of Madison to the corner of the Anson town line  
22 bordering the Town of Embden and the Town of Solon; thence in a  
23 southwesterly direction along the Anson town line to the starting point.

24 **Sec. 2. P&SL 1915, c. 200, §6**, as amended by P&SL 2005, c. 51, §3, is repealed  
25 and the following enacted in its place:

26 **Sec. 6. Board of trustees.** All the affairs of the water district are managed by a  
27 board of trustees composed of 3 members, who are residents and voters in the district, to  
28 be chosen by secret ballot according to the provision of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title  
29 30-A, section 2528. Whenever the term of office of a trustee expires by the trustee's  
30 removal from the water district or otherwise, the legal voters of the water district shall  
31 elect a successor according to the provisions of the Title 30-A, section 2528 to serve for a  
32 full term of 3 years; and if any other vacancy occurs, it may be filled in like manner for  
33 the unexpired term. The annual meeting occurs at a time and place designated by the  
34 trustees. The annual meeting for the election of officers occurs at a time and place  
35 designated by the trustees. As soon as is convenient after the board of trustees has been  
36 elected, the trustees shall hold a meeting and organize by the election of a chair and clerk,  
37 adopt a corporate seal and choose a treasurer and all other needful officers and agents for  
38 the proper management of the affairs of the water district. Each member is entitled to  
39 compensation as set by the trustees for the member's services for each and every regular  
40 and special meeting of the board at which the member is in attendance. The water  
41 district, at any legal meeting of the water district called for the purpose, may adopt such  
42 bylaws and provisions, not inconsistent with the Constitution of Maine and laws of this  
43 State and of the United States, as the water district may determine expedient and

1 necessary for the good government and regulation of the affairs of the water district, in  
2 which case, the bylaws and provisions so adopted apply to the water district as fully, to  
3 all intents and purposes, as the other provisions of this Act, subject to alterations and  
4 additions, only by a 2/3 vote of all the legal voters of the water district present and voting  
5 at a legal meeting of the water district called for the purpose.

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### **SUMMARY**

7       This bill amends the Anson Water District charter to provide that trustees are elected  
8 according to municipal election law. The bill provides that trustees may hold their annual  
9 meeting and their elections at a time and place called by the trustees. The bill fixes errors  
10 in the description of the district's territory.