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In Senate, June 10, 2013

An Act To Amend the Charter of the Alfred Water District

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

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DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator TUTTLE of York. Cosponsored by Senator: DUTREMBLE of York, Representative: CAMPBELL of Newfield.

- 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 vacancy has occurred in the board of trustees of the Alfred Water 4 District; and
- 5 **Whereas,** the charter of the Alfred Water District does not address the issue of 6 filling a vacancy; and
- 7 Whereas, the election of trustees does not occur until March; and

8 **Whereas,** it is imperative that this legislation take effect immediately in order to be 9 able to fill the unexpired term of the trustee; and

10 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within 11 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as 12 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, 13 therefore,

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

15 Sec. 1. P&SL 1999, c. 77, §5 is amended to read:

Sec. 5. Terms of trustees; vacancies. After the election of the first board,
trustees are elected to 3-year terms in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title
35-A, section 6410, subsection 1. Notwithstanding Title 35-A, section 6410, subsection
1, a vacancy must be filled by appointment by the remaining trustees.

20 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this 21 legislation takes effect when approved.

- 22 SUMMARY
- This bill amends the charter of the Alfred Water District by requiring a vacancy in the board of trustees to be filled by appointment by the remaining trustees.