

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 568

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN

AN ACT Additional to Chapter Four hundred and thirty-three
of the Private and Special Laws of Nineteen Hundred and
Seven, entitled An Act to Incorporate the Portland Water
District.

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

Section 1. The Portland Water District is hereby author-
2 ized to supply Sebago water for domestic, sanitary and muni-
3 cipal purposes to the inhabitants and the towns of Gorham,
4 Falmouth and Cumberland; also to the government reserva-
5 tions and the inhabitants on the islands in Casco bay in
6 Cumberland county, lying and being in the territorial limits

7 of the cities and towns wherein the said district is now, or
8 may be hereafter authorized to supply water, and also to
9 any public utility now supplying water in said county, pro-
10 vided that said district shall not supply water in any section
11 of said territory, except to the government reservations,
12 where another corporation, person or association is now fur-
13 nishing water under a franchise from the state, without the
14 consent of such corporation, person or association and the
15 consent of the public utilities commission.

Sect. 2. All rights, powers and privileges granted the
2 Portland Water District by chapter four hundred and thirty-
3 three of the Private and Special Laws of Maine of nineteen
4 hundred and seven, including the right of eminent domain,
5 are hereby granted and extended throughout the aforesaid
6 territory, to be exercised therein in accordance with the pro-
7 visions of said chapter four hundred and thirty-three.
8 Said district is also especially authorized under said provis-
9 ions to extend its pipes, aqueducts and fixtures throughout
10 the aforesaid territory under and beneath any of the waters
11 of Casco bay or its tributaries.

Sect. 3. Subject to the consent of the public utilities com-
2 mission, the said district is hereby authorized to acquire by
3 purchase the entire capital stock, plants, property and fran-
4 chises, rights and privileges of the Foreside Water Com-
5 pany and the Gorham Water Company or of any other pub-
6 lic utility supplying water in the territory in which said dis-
7 trict is authorized to supply water; and any such utility is

8 hereby authorized with the consent of the public utilities
9 commission to transfer its properties, rights and franchises
10 to said district.

Sect. 4. Said district shall continue to supply water under
2 the provisions of said chapter four hundred and thirty-three
3 as heretofore, and the rates for water so supplied shall be
4 uniform within the territory supplied by the district wher-
5 ever the installation and maintenance of mains and the cost
6 of service is substantially uniform, but nothing in said chap-
7 ter four hundred and thirty-three or in this act shall pre-
8 clude said district, with the approval of the public utilities
9 commission, from establishing higher rates than the regular
10 rates in sections where, for any reason, the cost of con-
11 struction and maintenance or the cost of the service exceeds
12 the average, but such higher rates shall be uniform through-
13 out the section where they apply.