

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Senate Document

No. 116

S. P. 321

In Senate, February 6, 1929.

Referred to Committee on Public Utilities and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Slocum of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to the Portland Water District.

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

Section 1. Section ten of chapter four hundred thirty-three
2 of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred seven-
3 teen is hereby amended by striking out the whole of said
4 section and inserting in place thereof the following:

‘Sect. 10. The trustees shall be elected by a plurality vote
2 of the legal voters in each of said cities accepting this act
3 voting at an election called, advertised and conducted ac-
4 cording to the law relating to municipal elections within
5 the said cities. The term of office shall begin on the day
6 of election of each trustee. As soon as convenient after

7 all the members of said board have been so chosen, said
8 trustees shall hold a meeting at the city rooms in the city
9 of Portland to be called by one of said trustees upon such
10 reasonable notice therefor as he deems proper. They shall
11 organize by the election of a president and a clerk, adopt
12 a corporate seal and when necessary may choose a treasurer
13 and all other needful officers and agents for the proper con-
14 duct and management of the affairs of said district. They
15 may also ordain and establish such by-laws as are necessary
16 for their own convenience and the proper management of
17 the affairs of the district. At said first meeting the trustees
18 so elected shall determine by lot the term of office of each
19 trustee so that one trustee shall retire each year and when-
20 ever the term of office of a trustee expires his successor
21 shall be elected by a plurality vote by the city which elected
22 him, each year in the city wherein such trustee is to be
23 elected, the same to be called in the manner hereinbefore
24 provided. The trustees so elected shall serve the full term
25 of five years; and in case any vacancy arises in the mem-
26 bership of the board of trustees it shall be filled in like man-
27 ner, for the unexpired term by special election to be called
28 by the municipal officers of the city wherein the election is
29 to be held. When any trustee ceases to be a resident of
30 the city by which he was elected he vacates such office of
31 trustee and the vacancy shall be filled as aforesaid. All
32 such trustees shall be eligible to re-election, but no person
33 holding a municipal office in either of said cities shall be

34 eligible to election as trustee. Said trustees may procure
35 an office and incur such expenses as may be necessary.
36 Each member shall receive in full compensation for his
37 services an allowance of four hundred dollars per annum.
38 At the close of each fiscal year the trustees shall make a
39 detailed report of their doings, of the receipts and expendi-
40 tures of said water district, of its financial and physical con-
41 dition, and of such other matters and things pertaining to
42 said district as shall show the inhabitants of said district
43 how said trustees are fulfilling the duties and obligations
44 of their trust, such reports to be made and filed with the
45 municipal officers of the cities accepting this act.'

Sect. 2. Section nineteen of chapter four hundred thirty-
2 three of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred
3 seventeen is hereby amended by striking out the whole of
4 said section.