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CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk. New Draft of H. P. 1149.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend the Charter of the Portland Water District.

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

Charter of Portland Water District amended. That part of chapter four hundred thirty-three of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred seven affected or amended by chapter two hundred fifteen of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred fifteen is hereby further amended by repealing said chapter two hundred fifteen and enacting the following in place thereof:

'Sec. I. Ballots: how prepared. Ballots for elections of trustees of the Portland Water District shall contain the names and residences of the various candidates. There shall be at least two blank lines under the names of the candidates which may be filled by writing in the names of other candidates. Stickers may be used in lieu of writing in a name of a candidate, but no stickers shall be used save in the blank spaces provided.

Sec. 2. Form of ballot. The face of the ballot shall be substantially of the following form:

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Candidates for Trustee of	of the Portland Water District at an
election held on	day
of	A. D.

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To vote for any person, make a cross (X) in the square at the right of the name voted for. To vote for a person whose name is not on the ballot, write in the name or use a sticker in blank space and make cross (X) at the right of name voted for.

For Trustee of Portland Water District. Vote for one Mark (X) cross (or such number as may be appropriate) in this column Name of candidate and

residence			
	66		
	66		
66	"		

Back of Ballot (Name of city) Maine.

A. D.

Official Ballot

Ward

Precinct

(Facsimile of signature) City Clerk.

Sec. 3. Counting of ballots. As soon as the polls are closed, the warden shall immediately open the ballot boxes, take therefrom the ballots and sort, count and declare them in open meeting in the presence of the ward clerk; and the ward clerk shall make a list of the persons voted for, with the number of votes for each person against his name and he shall make a true and fair record thereof in the presence of the warden and in open ward meeting enter the total number of votes for each candidate on a tally sheet provided by the city clerk and he shall forthwith return said tally sheet duly attested by the warden and ward clerk to the city clerk.

Sec. 4. Determination of successful candidates. The city clerk shall present the returns of the several wards to a meeting of the city council held not later than forty-eight hours after the receipt of said returns by him. At such meeting, the city council shall determine and declare the successful candidates as follows: The person or persons, not exceeding the number to be voted for at any one time for any office, having

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the highest number of votes given at the election shall be determined and declared to be elected.

Sec. 5. Expenses, how borne. The expenses of the Portland Water District, elections shall in the first instance be chargeable to and paid by the city in which the election is held and so far as arising solely or chiefly and directly from such elections shall be reimbursed by the Portland Water District.'