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House of Representatives, January 26, 1943.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Milliken of Madison.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to the Madison Water District.

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

Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1913, c. 121, § 7, amended. Section 7 of chapter 121 of the private and special laws of 1913 is hereby amended to read as follows :

'Sec. 7. Board of trustees; election, records, terms, etc. All the affairs of said district shall be managed by a board of trustees of 3 members to be elected by a plurality vote of the legal voters within said district at an election to be specially called and held within 30 days after the approval of this act by the legal voters of said district. Such special election shall be called, held and conducted in the same manners as meetings of Madison Village Corporation are now called and held. All records of the meetings and other business of the district shall be kept by the clerk of ~~said Madison village corporation~~ **town of Madison** for the time being. The term of office of the trustees first chosen shall be considered to begin on the 1st Monday of July of the year of the acceptance of this act by said district. As soon as convenient after the members of said board have been chosen said trustees shall hold a meeting at some convenient place within said Madison Village Corporation and organize by the election of a president, adopt a corporate seal, and when necessary may choose a treasurer and all

other needful officers and agents for the proper conduct and management of the affairs of said district. At said first meeting they shall determine by lot the term of office of each trustee so that one shall serve for 1 year, one for 2 years, and one for 3 years; and whenever the term of office of a trustee expires his successor shall be elected by a plurality vote by the legal voters of said district for the term of 3 years; and in case any vacancy shall arise it shall be filled for the remainder of the year by appointment by the remaining members of the board of trustees, and at the next regular meeting of the district the vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the term in the manner hereinbefore set forth. ~~The assessors of Madison Village Corporation for the time being shall be eligible to election to the board of trustees, and treasurer of Madison Village Corporation shall be eligible to election as treasurer of said trustees or district.~~ The trustees, treasurer and clerk shall receive for their services as such such compensation as the district by vote shall from time to time determine.

Provided, however, that if that part of Anson formerly comprising school district number thirteen in said town shall by a majority of the legal voters of said district, at a meeting specially called and held for the purpose on or before the 1st Monday of July, 1914, vote to accept the provisions of this act, it shall thereby become a part of said water district and entitled to all its rights and privileges and subject to all the liabilities and obligations thereof, and in such case said part of said Anson shall have the right to and shall choose by a plurality vote 2 trustees to act with and become a part of the board of trustees as hereinbefore provided for the management of all of the affairs of said district. The term of office of such trustees first chosen shall be considered to begin on the 1st Monday of July, of the year of the acceptance of this act by said part of said district and, together with the 3 trustees chosen as hereinbefore set forth, form a joint board for the management of the affairs of said district and have a right to take a part in the organization and all of the meetings and business of said board. The 2 trustees first elected shall serve one for 1 year and one for 2 years, and annually thereafter at the regular annual meeting of the legal voters of that part of Anson constituting what was formerly school district number thirteen shall elect 1 trustee to serve for the term of 2 years. The 2 trustees first so elected shall decide by lot their respective terms of office. Any vacancy occurring in the terms of either of said 2 trustees shall be filled for the remainder of the term at a special meeting of the legal voters of said town of said district in said Anson legally called and held.

Said trustees may also ordain and establish such by-laws as are necessary for their own convenience and the proper management of the affairs

of the district. At the close of each fiscal year the trustees shall make a detailed report of their doings, of the receipts and expenditures of said water district, of its financial and physical conditions, and of such other matters and things pertaining to said district as shall show to the inhabitants of said district a full and true standing of its conditions and how said trustees are fulfilling the duties and obligations of their trust. Said report shall be either written or printed for distribution to the inhabitants of said district. The books and accounts pertaining to the receipts and expenditures of money shall be audited by the auditor of ~~Madison Village Corporation~~ **town of Madison** for the time being.'

Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1913, c. 121, § 17, amended. Section 17 of chapter 121 of the private and special laws of 1913, as amended by chapter 117 of the private and special laws of 1917, is hereby further amended to read as follows :

'Sec. 17. Annual and special meetings. The annual meetings of said water district and the respective sections thereof shall be held during the month of July in each year after the acceptance of this act for the choice of 1 or more trustees and such other officers as said water district or sections thereof shall by vote or by-laws determine, and for the transaction of any other business that may legally come before such meeting; special meetings of said water district and of the respective sections thereof shall be called at any time upon written application to the ~~assessors of Madison Village Corporation~~ **selectmen of Madison** and the selectmen of Anson respectively by the trustees or 10 or more legal voters of said water district or of the respective sections thereof. The written application for such meetings shall contain in separate articles the business to be acted on and no other business shall be transacted at said meeting except such as is contained in the articles of the warrant calling such special meetings. All meetings, except the first, of said water district and of the respective sections thereof may be held jointly or separately as said sections may by vote or by-laws determine.'