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House of Representatives, February 1, 1945.

Referred to Committee on Public Utilities. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Jones of Waterville.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT to Amend the Charter of the Kennebec Water District.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, the provisions of the charter as it now stands are unsatisfactory to the people of the District; and

Whereas, action needs to be taken immediately to procure an increased supply of water; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of section 16 of Article XXXI of the constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1899, c. 200, § 1, repealed and replaced.** Section 1 of chapter 200 of the private and special laws of 1899 is hereby repealed and replaced to read as follows:

**'Sec. 1. Incorporation.** The territory and people constituting the city of Waterville and the Fairfield Village Corporation shall constitute a body politic and corporate under the name of the Kennebec Water District, for the purpose of supplying the inhabitants of said district and of the towns of Benton, Winslow and Vassalboro and all said municipalities and the

Central Maine Sanatorium in the town of Fairfield with pure water for domestic and for all other lawful purposes, including municipal manufacturing, commercial and industrial purposes. The records of the district are public and meetings of the trustees shall be open.'

Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1899, c. 200, § 5, repealed and replaced. Section 5 of chapter 200 of the private and special laws of 1899 is hereby repealed and replaced to read as follows :

'Sec. 5. Board of trustees. All the affairs of said water district shall be managed by a board of trustees composed of 7 members. Two of said trustees shall be chosen by the mayor of the city of Waterville; 2 by the municipal officers of the town of Fairfield, who shall be residents of Fairfield Village Corporation, as existing January 1, 1927; 2 by the county commissioners, who shall not be residents of the district. The 7th member of the board shall be the mayor of the city of Waterville, ex officio. As soon as convenient after the members of said board have been chosen, said trustees shall hold a meeting at the office of the district in the city of Waterville and organize by the election of a president, treasurer and clerk. At the said first meeting they shall determine by lot the term of office of each trustee so that two shall hold the office for 1 year and two for 2 years and two for 3 years; and whenever a vacancy occurs it shall be filled in like manner for the unexpired term. They may also ordain and establish such by-laws as are necessary for their own convenience and proper management of the district's affairs, which by-laws shall be printed in the annual report which shall be furnished every customer, together with the salary list and names of those receiving salaries and the rate of wages paid all other agents, employees and laborers. Said trustees may procure an office and incur such expenses as may be necessary. They shall render their services without compensation, but shall receive an allowance of \$5 for each meeting actually attended but not to exceed \$10 per trustee per month.

The trustees, clerk and treasurer in office when this act is adopted shall continue in the performance of their duties until their successors are chosen and qualified under the provisions hereof.'

Sec. 3. Inconsistent acts repealed. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.