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NINETY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 378

House of Representatives, February 2, 1955
Referred to the Committee on Public Utilities, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Christie of Presque Isle.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Appointment and Duties of Trustees of Presque Isle Sewer District.

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

- Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1937, c. 80, § 6, amended. Section 6 of chapter 80 of the private and special laws of 1937 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 'Sec. 6. Trustees; appointment, tenure of office, vacancies, first meeting and organization of board, annual report. All the affairs of said district shall be managed by a board of 3 trustees, residents or owners of real estate therein, who shall be elected by ballot of the persons therein legally qualified to vote in town meetings appointed by the city council of the city of Presque Isle, but no member of the city council shall, during the term for which he is elected, be appointed one of said board of trustees. They shall hold office for the term of 3 years and until their respective successors are ehosen appointed and qualified, except, however, as hereinafter provided that the trustees in office when this amendment becomes effective shall fill out the terms for which they were elected. At the expiration of the term of a trustee, the city council shall appoint a trustee to hold office as above provided. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term by the city council.

The first board of trustees shall be elected at the meeting called for the acceptance of this act, + to serve until the first annual meeting of the district, + until the second, and + until the third such meeting. Thereafterward, + member shall be chosen at each annual meeting to serve for the term of 3 years. If a vacancy occurs in said board more than 3 months before the date of the next succeeding annual meeting, a special meeting shall be called to fill the

vacancy, and all vacancies existing at the date of an annual meeting shall then be filled.

As soon as convenient after said 1st election appointment, the trustees shall hold a meeting at some convenient place in the district to be called by any member thereof in writing designating the time and place and delivered in hand to the other 2 members not less than 2 full days before the meeting; provided, however, that they may meet by agreement without such notice. They shall then organize by the election of a chairman and clerk from their own number, adopt a corporate seal and by-laws, and perform any other acts within the powers delegated to them by law. When necessary they may choose a treasurer and other needful officers and agents who shall serve at their pleasure. The treasurer shall furnish bond in such sum and with such sureties as they may approve. Members of the board shall be eligible to any office under the board, but shall not receive any compensation therefor, except as trustees, unless authorized by vote of the district city council. The compensation of the trustees shall be \$50 each per annum, unless otherwise provided by vote of the district city council.

The trustees shall be sworn to the faithful performance of their duties as such, which shall include the duties of any member as clerk or clerk pro tem. They shall make and publish an annual report, including a report of the treasurer.'

Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1937, c. 80, §§ 7 and 8, repealed. Sections 7 and 8 of chapter 80 of the private and special laws of 1937 are hereby repealed.