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Sec. 4. Collective bargaining agreements approval. The allocations made in section 1 and the attributions made in section 2 include the amounts required to fund the collective bargaining agreements approved in Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 69.

Sec. 5. Authorization to expend retirement system reserve administrative operating funds. Of the amount authorized to be expended in section 1 for the administrative costs of the retirement system, \$400,000 must be provided from the system's reserve administrative operating funds.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect July 1, 2001.

Effective July 1, 2001.

CHAPTER 5

H.P. 118 - L.D. 122

An Act to Revise the Hampden Water District Charter

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

Sec. 1. P&SL 1937, c. 34, §8, 2nd ¶, last sentence is repealed.

Sec. 2. P&SL 1937, c. 34, §8, 3rd ¶, as amended by P&SL 1969, c. 34, §§2 and 3, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

As soon as convenient after the initial members of the board are chosen, the trustees shall hold a meeting at the town councilors' office in the Town of Hampden, to be called by one of the trustees upon reasonable notice as the trustee determines proper. They shall organize by the election of a president and clerk, 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 the district. They may also ordain and establish bylaws as are necessary for their own convenience and the proper management of the affairs of the district. The trustees of said district holding office at the effective date of this act continue to hold office until their successors are elected and take office.

Sec. 3. P&SL 1937, c. 34, §8, as amended by P&SL 1969, c. 34, §§2 and 3, is further amended by adding at the end 2 new paragraphs to read:

The terms of trustees of the district are for 5 years. The trustees must be nominated and elected under the same procedure and at the same time as provided for the town councilors of the town.

The term of office of the trustees begins on the 3rd Thursday of January. In the event a vacancy arises in the membership of the board of trustees, the unexpired term of the vacant office must be filled by the Town Council of the Town of Hampden. When any trustee ceases to be a resident of the district, the trustee shall vacate the office of trustee and the vacancy must be filled pursuant to this section. All trustees are eligible for reelection, but a person holding the office of town councilor or road commissioner in the Town of Hampden is not eligible for nomination or election as trustee. The trustees may procure an office and incur expenses as may be necessary. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 6410, subsection 7, the compensation of the trustees and the treasurer of the board of trustees is determined by the board of trustees. At the close of each fiscal year, the trustees shall make a detailed report of their doings, of the receipts and expenditures of the water district, of its financial and physical condition and of any other matters and things pertaining to the district that will show the inhabitants of the district how the trustees are fulfilling the duties and obligations of their trust, such report to be made and filed with the Town Council of the Town of Hampden.

Sec. 4. P&SL 1937, c. 34, §10 is amended to read:

Sec. 10. Contracts for supplying water. Said <u>The</u> water district is hereby authorized to make contracts with the town <u>Town</u> of Hampden and with corporations and inhabitants of said the district, for the purpose of supplying water as contemplated by this act, and the town <u>Town</u> of Hampden by its selectmen town councilors is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with said the district for a supply of water for public uses on such terms and for such time as the parties may agree, which contract when made shall be is legal and binding on all parties thereto to the <u>contract</u> and said town the Town of Hampden for said purposes may raise money in the same manner as for other municipal charges.

Sec. 5. P&SL 1937, c. 34, §14 is amended to read:

Sec. 14. Qualified voters. In all elections hereunder under this act the selectmen town councilors of the town Town of Hampden shall exclude from their lists and from all check lists the legal voters who are resident outside the territorial limits of said the water district as defined in this act, and all warrant issued for elections shall must be varied accordingly to show that only the voters resident within the territorial limits of said the water district are entitled to vote hereunder.

See title page for effective date.