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CHAPTER 16
S.P. 601 - L.D. 1562

**An Act To Amend the Charter
of the Alfred Water District**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, a vacancy has occurred in the board of trustees of the Alfred Water District; and

Whereas, the charter of the Alfred Water District does not address the issue of filling a vacancy; and

Whereas, the election of trustees does not occur until March; and

Whereas, it is imperative that this legislation take effect immediately in order to be able to fill the unexpired term of the trustee; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning 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&SL 1999, c. 77, §5 is amended to read:

Sec. 5. Terms of trustees; vacancies. After the election of the first board, trustees are elected to 3-year terms in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 6410, subsection 1. Notwithstanding Title 35-A, section 6410, subsection 1, any vacancy occurring because of change of residence, resignation or death of a trustee or any other cause except normal expiration of term of office may be temporarily filled by appointment of a person that meets the qualifications under section 3 by the remaining trustees until the time of the next municipal election for which nomination papers may be filed. At the time of the next municipal election for which nomination papers may be filed, the vacancy must be filled for the remainder of the term by a trustee elected in accordance with this charter.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 21, 2013.

CHAPTER 17
H.P. 1036 - L.D. 1442

**An Act To Establish a Pilot
Natural Gas District in Maine**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the creation and organization of the Kennebec Valley Gas District are urgently needed to ensure the prompt and timely delivery of a continuous supply of natural gas to consumers within the City of Waterville and the Town of Winslow and in any nearby communities voting to join the Kennebec Valley Gas District; and

Whereas, the establishment of other municipal natural gas districts throughout the State is needed for similar reasons and purposes; and

Whereas, the City Council of Waterville and the Town Council of Winslow have approved the establishment of the Kennebec Valley Gas District to promote, control and administer the provision and distribution of natural gas to the City of Waterville and the Town of Winslow; to provide the economic benefits from such natural gas availability to the communities, businesses and citizens of the Kennebec Valley Gas District; and to encourage energy efficiency, cogeneration and economic development; and

Whereas, the Waterville Development Corporation has approved expenditures of funds for establishing the Kennebec Valley Gas District; and

Whereas, action must be taken promptly to provide for the provision of natural gas to the citizens of the district; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning 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. Kennebec Regional Gas District. There is created within the City of Waterville and the Town of Winslow and within up to 4 adjoining communities voting to be included within the district in accordance with this Act, referred to in this Act as "the towns," the Kennebec Regional Gas District, referred to in this Act as "the district," a quasi-municipal corporation as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 2604, subsection 3. The district has the following enumerated powers: