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Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

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

Whereas, it is imperative that the election of the board of trustees of the Addison Point Water District be clarified prior to the next annual meeting 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,'

Amend the bill in section 1 in section 7 by striking out all of the first paragraph (page 1, lines 3 to 10 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

Sec. 7. Board of trustees; election; terms of trustees; vacancies; officers. All the affairs of the district are managed by a board of 5 trustees. Trustees are elected at the annual meeting of the district. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 6410, subsection 1, when the term of office of a trustee expires, the trustee's successor is elected at large by a plurality vote of the voters of the district at the annual meeting to serve for a term of 3 years. A vacancy is filled in the same manner for the unexpired term by a special election called by the trustees. Notice of annual meetings and special elections to elect trustees must be published not less than 2 weeks before the meeting or election.'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 3 and inserting the following:

Sec. 3. P&SL 1953, c. 73, §12 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

Sec. 12. Authorized to receive government aid, borrow money and issue bonds and notes. The authority of the district to receive government aid, borrow money and issue bonds and notes is governed by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 6412.'

Amend the bill in section 4 in section 14 in the next to the last line (page 2, line 15 in L.D.) by inserting after following: "in" the following: 'Title 35-A,'

Amend the bill in section 5 in the 2nd and 3rd lines (page 2, lines 18 and 19 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "for the remainder of their terms" and inserting the following: 'until the first annual meeting of the district after the effective date of this Act. At that annual meeting, 5 trustees must be elected, one for 3 years, 2 for 2 years and 2 for one year'

Amend the bill by adding before the summary the following:

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

SUMMARY

This amendment clarifies the provision in the bill regarding the election of trustees of the Addison Point Water District and the transition of those trustees in office on the effective date of this Act. The amendment makes a technical change to the provision of the bill regarding borrowing and issuance of bonds by substituting the language in the bill with a cross-reference to identical language contained in the Standard Water District Enabling Act.

The amendment also adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.