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An Act To Amend the Charter of the Tenants Harbor Standard 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, it is imperative that the election of the board of trustees of the Tenants Harbor Standard Water District be clarified; 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 1997, c. 17, §5 is amended to read:

Sec. 5. Terms of trustees. After the election of the first board, trustees are elected to 3-year terms ~~in accordance with~~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. A vacancy is filled in the same manner for the unexpired term by a special election called by the trustees. The trustees shall make and keep a complete list of all registered voters resident in the district. Notice of annual meetings and special elections to elect trustees must be published not less than 4 weeks before the meeting or election.

Sec. 2. Retroactivity. This Act is retroactive to January 1, 1999.

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

SUMMARY

This bill amends the charter of the Tenants Harbor Standard Water District by changing the way the board of trustees is elected. The changes are retroactive to January 1, 1999.