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## **An Act To Amend the Charter of the Starboard Water District**

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

**Whereas,** water in the Town of Machiasport has been contaminated from a former radar transmission station and this poses a serious threat to the health and well-being of the inhabitants in the area; and

**Whereas,** an adequate supply of water is essential to the health and well-being of the inhabitants of the Town of Machiasport; 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 2003, c. 47, §7, first ¶** is amended to read:

**Sec. 7. Emergency clause; referendum; effective date.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters within the territory described in section 1 of this Act at an election called for that purpose and held by July 1, ~~2006~~2007. The election must be called by the municipal officers of the town and be held at the regular voting places. The election must be called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections, except that the registrar of voters is not required to prepare or the clerk to post a new list of voters. For the purpose of registration of voters, the registrar of voters must be in session the secular day preceding the election. The subject matter of this Act is reduced to the following question:

**Sec. 2. P&SL 2003, c. 47, §7, last ¶** is amended to read:

This Act takes effect for all purposes immediately upon its approval by a majority of the legal voters voting at the election. Failure to achieve the necessary approval in any referendum does not prohibit subsequent referenda consistent with this section, provided the referenda are held prior to July 1, ~~2006~~2007.

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

### **SUMMARY**

This bill extends from July 1, 2006 to July 1, 2007 the date by which an election must be held for the legal voters of the Town of Machiasport to vote on creating the Starboard Water District.