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## **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, a vacancy must be filled by appointment by the remaining trustees.

**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 Alfred Water District by requiring a vacancy in the board of trustees to be filled by appointment by the remaining trustees.