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House of Representatives, January 29, 2013

An Act To Amend the Charter of the Portland Water District

Reference to the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative SHAW of Standish.
Cosponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin and
Representatives: COTTA of China, DUNPHY of Embden, HARVELL of Farmington,
KESCHL of Belgrade, LIBBY of Waterboro, McCLELLAN of Raymond, Senators:
DUTREMBLE of York, HASKELL of Cumberland.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. P&SL 1907, c. 433, §11, first ¶**, as repealed and replaced by P&SL
3 1975, c. 84, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

4 **Sec. 11. Water rates.** All individuals, firms and corporations, whether private,
5 public or municipal, shall pay to the treasurer of the district the rates established by the
6 trustees for the water used by the individuals, firms and corporations. The rates must be
7 uniform for customers of towns that are part of the territory supplied by the district,
8 including customers of the district that reside in the Town of Standish, wherever the
9 installation and maintenance of mains and the cost of service are substantially uniform.
10 This section does not preclude the district from establishing higher rates where for any
11 reason its costs exceed the average, but higher rates must be uniform throughout the part
12 of the district where they apply. The rates must be established to provide revenue for the
13 water system for the following purposes.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill requires the Portland Water District to charge the same rate for the use of
16 water to its customers that reside in the Town of Standish as it charges its customers that
17 reside in towns that are part of the territory supplied by the district and members of the
18 district.