

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-TWO

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S.P. 106 - L.D. 245

An Act Regarding Consumer-owned Water Utilities

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §6410-A is enacted to read:

§6410-A. Consumer-owned water utilities; lack of quorum

1. Appointment of receiver. If, after investigation, the commission determines that the board of trustees of a consumer-owned water utility, as defined in section 6101, subsection 1-A, lacks a sufficient number of duly elected trustees to constitute a quorum, the commission may appoint a receiver to oversee the operations of the utility. A receiver appointed by the commission pursuant to this subsection has all the authorities granted to a full board of trustees pursuant to this chapter until such time as the board of trustees for the utility includes a sufficient number of duly elected trustees to constitute a quorum.

2. Costs. The commission may include the cost of appointing receivers pursuant to subsection 1 in the assessment charged to consumer-owned water utilities in accordance with section 116, subsection 1.

3. Rules. The commission may adopt by rule standards and procedures necessary for the administration of this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.