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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 662, L.D. 906, “An Act To Provide Passamaquoddy Tribal Members Access to Clean Drinking Water”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. P&SL 1983, c. 25, §15 is repealed.

Sec. 2. 30 MRSA §6205, sub-§1, ¶D-2, as amended by PL 2021, c. 139, §1 and affected by §3, is further amended to read:

D-2. Land acquired by the secretary for the benefit of the Passamaquoddy Tribe in Centerville conveyed by Bertram C. Tackeff to the Passamaquoddy Tribe by quitclaim deed dated May 4, 1982, recorded in the Washington County Registry of Deeds in Book 1178, Page 35, to the extent that the land is not held in common with any other person or entity and is certified by the secretary as held for the benefit of the Passamaquoddy Tribe; ~~and~~

Sec. 3. 30 MRSA §6205, sub-§1, ¶E, as amended by PL 2021, c. 139, §1 and affected by §3, is further amended to read:

E. Land acquired by the secretary for the benefit of the Passamaquoddy Tribe in Township 21 consisting of Gordon Island in Big Lake, conveyed by Domtar Maine Corporation to the Passamaquoddy Tribe by corporate quitclaim deed dated April 30, 2002, recorded in the Washington County Registry of Deeds in Book 2624, Page 301, to the extent that the land is not held in common with any other person or entity and is certified by the secretary as held for the benefit of the Passamaquoddy Tribe; and

Sec. 4. 30 MRSA §6205, sub-§1, ¶F is enacted to read:

F. Land acquired by the secretary for the benefit of the Passamaquoddy Tribe in Perry consisting of:

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1 (1) Land conveyed by Denise E. Plouffe to the Passamaquoddy Tribe by quitclaim
2 deed dated October 5, 2017, recorded in the Washington County Registry of Deeds
3 in Book 4403, Pages 18 and 19; and

4 (2) Land conveyed by Austin Humphries to the Passamaquoddy Tribe by deed
5 dated November 18, 1983, recorded in the Washington County Registry of Deeds
6 in Book 1252, Pages 93 to 95.

7 Notwithstanding subsection 5 and any other provision of this Act to the contrary, the
8 addition of land to the Passamaquoddy Indian territory pursuant to this paragraph is not
9 subject to approval by any city, town, village or plantation within the State.

10 **Sec. 5. Contingent effective date; certification.** This Act does not take effect
11 unless, within 60 days after adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 130th
12 Legislature, the Secretary of State receives written certification by the Joint Tribal Council
13 of the Passamaquoddy Tribe that the tribe has agreed to the provisions of this Act, copies
14 of which must be submitted by the Secretary of State to the Secretary of the Senate, the
15 Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Revisor of Statutes.'

16 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
17 number to read consecutively.

18 **SUMMARY**

19 This amendment strikes and replaces the bill, which is a concept draft. The intent of
20 this amendment is to improve access to safe drinking water for the Passamaquoddy Tribe
21 at Pleasant Point and surrounding communities. The amendment exempts the property of
22 the Passamaquoddy Water District, which is a nontribal entity, from taxation by municipal
23 governments. It also authorizes 2 parcels of tribally owned fee land in close proximity to
24 the existing Passamaquoddy Indian territory to be added to the tribe’s Indian territory
25 through the federal trust acquisition process, without local approval, in order to provide
26 access to alternate supplies of groundwater.

27 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

28 **(See attached)**