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No. 1609

H. P. 1138

House of Representatives, January 6, 1964

The Committee on Education suggested.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Jewell of Monticello.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-FOUR

**AN ACT to Authorize the Municipalities of Blaine and Mars Hill to Form a
School Administrative District.**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the School Committees of the municipalities of Blaine and Mars Hill intend to make a study and apply to the State Board of Education relative to the formation of a School Administrative District; and

Whereas, the School Committees of the municipalities of Blaine and Mars Hill entered in an extensive study with 3 other towns in 1958 as well as an extensive study with 3 other towns in 1963 with the intent and hope of forming a School Administrative District but to no avail; and

Whereas, the municipality of Blaine has not consolidated its rural schools in a modern sense; and

Whereas, the municipality of Blaine has been appropriating money quite regularly at their annual March town meetings since 1948 and yet the accumulated amount is insufficient to attempt to build a modern and adequate structure; and

Whereas, the municipality of Blaine had grave financial problems during the great depression of the 1930's causing the people to fear and dread a bonded debt as well as labeling the town a poor risk as a town for a loan; and

Whereas, in this present era it is almost impossible to get teachers to teach in a rural area where a teacher is required to teach 2, 4 or 5 grades, a condition that now exists in the Town of Blaine; and

Whereas, the forming of a School Administrative District now between the 2 municipalities of Blaine and Mars Hill would not preclude the possibility of

forming a larger School Administrative District in the future with either or both of the 2 single towns remaining in the area ; and

Whereas, the 2 municipalities of Blaine and Mars Hill have jointly operated a high school known as Aroostook Central Institute since 1906 ; and

Whereas, to continue to use the available school facilities in the Town of Blaine until permissive legislation to form a School Administrative District could be obtained from the next regular session of the Legislature would impose additional inconveniences on the present school population ; 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 :

School Administrative District for Blaine and Mars Hill authorized. The municipalities of Blaine and Mars Hill are exempted from the limitations provided in the Revised Statutes of 1954, chapter 41, section 111-E, as amended, and the State Board of Education is authorized to proceed, pursuant to said chapter 41, sections 111-F to 111-U-1 to take the necessary action to allow the municipalities of Blaine and Mars Hill to form a School Administrative District.

Nothing contained in this act shall be construed to limit the number of times that the within-named municipalities may make application to the State Board of Education, nor shall authority heretofore granted to the State Board of Education under this act be limited to any specified number of times for the board to authorize the within-named municipalities to act on the formation of a School Administrative District.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.