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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
109TH LEGISLATURE
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SENATE AMENDMENT " C " to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 93,
L.D. 179, Bill, "AN ACT to Amend the Representation of Towns
on Community School Districts."

Amend the Amendment by striking out everything after the
title and inserting in its place the following:

'Amend the Bill by inserting before the enacting clause
the following:

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do
not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless
enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, important school decisions are being made at this
time; and

Whereas, under existing laws there are towns that do not
have a voice in these decisions; 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,

Further amend the Bill by striking out everything after
the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

20 MRSA §356, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 783, §§14 and
15, is further amended by adding at the end 2 new paragraphs to
read:

If any representative on the community school committee is
absent from 3 consecutive regular committee meetings, the committee

may declare that a vacancy exists and the school committee of the representative's town may choose from among its members another representative to the community school committee. He shall be chosen on the basis of seniority.

If a community school committee member is absent from a meeting the senior nonvoting member shall be allowed all the rights and privileges of the absent member with the exception of the right to vote. This paragraph shall only apply to a community with only one member on the community school committee.

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

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to ensure that every member town will always have representation on the community school committee and to clarify the selection of regular members. The amendment also adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.


(Carpenter)

NAME:

COUNTY: Aroostook

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