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ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 1109

S. P. 362

In Senate, March 12, 1979

Referred to the Committee on Education. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

Presented by Senator Pray of Penobscot.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Permit Citizens to Petition Local School Boards.

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

20 MRSA § 163 is enacted to read:

§ 163. Petitions by voters to administrative units

The voters within any administrative unit may propose to the unit for its consideration any subject which is proper for consideration by the unit. The petition shall be addressed to the unit and signed by at least 10% of the number of voters voting for the gubernatorial candidates at the last statewide election in that unit.

Any subject proposed to a unit by petition shall be considered by the unit as soon after receipt of the petition as is practicable.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide a mechanism whereby voters within a school administrative unit may bring proposals before the unit through petition.