

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE  
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5 **Legislative Document**

**No. 1727**

7 H. P. 1738 Office of the Clerk of the House  
8 Submitted by the Department of Educational and Cultural Services  
9 pursuant to Joint Rule 24.  
10 Reference to the Committee on Education suggested and 1,400  
ordered printed.

11 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk  
12 Presented by Representative Connolly of Portland.  
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14 STATE OF MAINE  
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16 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
17 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO  
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19 AN ACT to Correct Errors in the Education Laws.  
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

22 **Sec. 1.** 20 MRSA § 225, first ¶, as last amended by PL  
23 1981, c. 464, §4, is further amended to read:

24 When it is necessary to hold a district meeting to  
25 approve the issuance of bonds or notes for school construc-  
26 tion projects as defined in section 3471, to borrow funds  
27 for minor capital costs as defined in section 4743, to  
28 approve a change in the selection of a school building site,  
29 to approve a change in the method of sharing costs among the  
30 member municipalities, to approve an agreement to add  
31 another municipality or municipalities to the School Admin-  
32 istrative District, to approve an agreement to transfer a  
33 participating municipality to another School Administrative

1 District, to approve an agreement to merge with another  
2 School Administrative District, or to approve a proposed  
3 lease agreement with the Maine School Building Authority, or  
4 to authorize the school directors to contract for the  
5 schooling of secondary pupils, or to authorize the school  
6 directors to dispose of real property, or to accept or  
7 reject a prospective gift, the school directors shall be  
8 authorized to call such meeting as follows.

9       **Sec. 2. 20 MRSA § 225, sub-§ 2, ¶G, first sentence,** as  
10 repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 78, §127, is amended to  
11 read:

12       The voting at meetings held in towns shall be held and  
13 conducted in accordance with Title 30, sections 2061 to  
14 2065, even though the town has not accepted the provi-  
15 sions of Title 30, sections 2061 and 2062, provided  
16 that the facsimile signature of the clerk referred to  
17 in Title 30, section 2061, subsection 5, paragraph F,  
18 shall be that of the chairman of the board of directors  
19 and provided that if a district meeting is called to be  
20 held simultaneously with a ~~general election or primary~~  
21 election any state-wide election the voting in towns  
22 shall be held and conducted in accordance with Title  
23 21, except that the duties of the Secretary of State  
24 shall be performed by the district directors.

25       **Sec. 3. 20 MRSA § 304, 2nd sentence,** as amended by PL  
26 1979, c. 691, §1, is further amended to read:

27       To procure funds for ~~capital outlay purposes,~~ as defined in  
28 ~~section 3457, or for school construction projects,~~ as de-  
29 fined in section 3471, or minor capital costs, as defined in  
30 section 4743, the school directors of said district are  
31 authorized to issue bonds and notes of the district.

32       **Sec. 4. 20 MRSA §2263, sub-§2, ¶F,** as enacted by PL  
33 1979, c. 602, §3, is amended to read:

34       F. Accept and expend all funds for post-secondary  
35 vocational education received by the department from  
36 the General Fund, from gifts and donations either from  
37 public or private sources which are offered uncon-  
38 ditionally, or under conditions approved by the State  
39 Board of Education, or from fees.

40       **Sec. 5. 20 MRSA §2268, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 1979,  
41 c. 602, §3, is amended to read:



1        Section 6 bases the scholarship allocation to the vari-  
2        ous vocational-technical institutes on the prior year  
3        rather than current year enrollment figures. It is not  
4        expected that there would be any significant changes in the  
5        ratio of enrollments at the 6 schools from year to year.  
6        Under current law, the allocation of the scholarship fund is  
7        based on enrollment of the fall semester of the current  
8        year. This creates a problem in that needy students cannot  
9        be advised as to the scholarship funds available to them  
10       until after classes have started.