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6. Electronic voting system. "Electronic voting system" means a system in which votes are recorded on paper ballots ~~utilizing special marking devices~~ or on ballot cards utilizing special styluses as part of a voting device and these votes are subsequently counted and tabulated by automatic tabulating equipment at one or more counting centers.

Effective September 29, 1987.

CHAPTER 97

H.P. 218 — L.D. 270

AN ACT for Timely Construction of Water Main Extensions.

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

35 MRSA §3296 is amended to read:

§3296. Water utility line crossing railroad right-of-way

Wherever a line or main of a water utility is located and about to be constructed across the right-of-way of any railroad, unless the officers of ~~such~~ that water utility ~~shall~~ agree with the corporation operating ~~such~~ that railroad as to the time, place, manner and conditions of the crossing, the Public Utilities Commission upon petition of either party, after notice and hearing, shall determine the time, place, manner and conditions of ~~such~~ that crossing. All the work within the limits of ~~such~~ the railroad location shall be done under the supervision of the officers of the corporation operating ~~said~~ the railroad and to the satisfaction of the commission; and the expense ~~thereof~~ shall be borne by the water utility. ~~Said~~ The commission shall make report of their decision in the same manner as in the case of highways located across railroads and subject to the same right of appeal.

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CHAPTER 98

H.P. 957 — L.D. 1286

AN ACT Relating to a Vocational Region as Defined by Law.

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1, sub-§26, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 693, §§5 and 8, is amended to read:

26. School administrative unit. "School administrative unit" means the state-approved unit of school administration and includes a municipal school unit, school

administrative district, community school district or any other municipal or quasi-municipal corporation responsible for operating or constructing public schools, except that it shall not include a vocational region.

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §8301, sub-§5, as amended by PL 1983, c. 485, §26, is further amended to read:

5. Vocational region. A vocational region is a quasi-municipal corporation established by the Legislature for the delivery of vocational programs which is comprised of all the school administrative units within the geographical boundaries established set forth in section 8451. A region shall be governed by a cooperative board formed and operating in accordance with ~~section 8452~~ this chapter.

Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §8457, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1985, c. 797, §43, is further amended to read:

1. Duties. A cooperative board shall have all the rights and duties of a school board as provided in section 1001, subsections 1 ~~to 8~~, 2, 4 to 7, 11-A and 12; section 1002; section 1256, subsections 1, 2 and 4 to 7; section 1257; sections 1313 to 1315; section 2501; section 4801; section 13201; and section 13202.

Sec. 4. 20-A MRSA §8465, sub-§1, ~~¶A~~, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 693, §§5 and 8, is amended to read:

A. The board shall call a regional referendum using the procedures set forth in sections 1351 to 1354. References in this section to laws pertaining to "school administrative district" and "board of directors" means vocational region and cooperative board, respectively;

Sec. 5. 20-A MRSA §15901, sub-§§6, 7 and 8 are enacted to read:

6. School administrative unit. "School administrative unit" means a school administrative unit as defined by section 1, subsection 26 and a vocational region as defined by section 8301, subsection 5, except that in section 15907, the reference to "unit" or "school administrative unit" means the units within the vocational regions.

7. School board. "School board" means a school board as defined in section 1, subsection 28 and the cooperative board of a vocational region.

8. Superintendent. "Superintendent" means a superintendent as defined by section 1, subsection 39, and the director of a vocational region, if that person had been appointed to serve as administrative officer of the region, or the superintendent who has been appointed to serve as ex officio administrative officer.

Sec. 6. 20-A MRSA §15904, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 693, §§5 and 8, is amended to read:

2. School administrative districts. In a school administrative district ~~or vocational region~~ the vote shall