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ONE-HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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H. P. 189

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Littlefield of Hampden.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE

AN ACT to Authorize the Municipalities of Hampden and Newburgh to Form a School Administrative District.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the school committees of the municipalities of Hampden and Newburgh have filed applications with the Maine School District Commission for the formation of a school administrative district; and

Whereas, the municipalities have conducted a thorough study of the school conditions in the area; and

Whereas, there is a vital need for safe and adequate school facilities in the municipalities; and

Whereas, the school programs of the area could be improved and more efficiently and economically operated; and

Whereas, it is geographically impossible to meet the minimum requirement of 300 resident high school pupils in this area; and

Whereas, the Maine School District Commission cannot approve the formation of this proposed district under the criteria set out in the Revised Statutes of 1954, chapter 41, section 111-E; and

Whereas, said chapter 41, section 111-D, provides that the Legislature may establish such school administrative district; and

Whereas, the Maine School District Commission recommends that the municipalities of Hampden and Newburgh be authorized to establish a school administrative district; 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 Hampden and Newburgh authorized. The municipalities of Hampden and Newburgh are exempted from the limitations provided in the Revised Statutes of 1954, chapter 41, section 111-E, as amended, and the Maine School District Commission is authorized to proceed pursuant to said chapter 41, sections 111-F to 111-U, to take the necessary action to allow the municipalities of Hampden and Newburgh to form a school administrative district.

Nothing contained herein shall be construed to limit the number of times that the above-named municipalities may make application to the Maine School District Commission, nor shall the authority granted to the Maine School District Commission under this act be limited to any specified number of times for the commission to authorize the above-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.