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#### ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST LEGISLATURE

## Legislative Document

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

### STATE OF MAINE

# IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE

AN ACT to Authorize the Municipalities of Ashland, Garfield Plantation and Portage Lake to Suspend the Operation of Ashland Community School District and Reorganize as a School Administrative District.

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, there is a vital need for safe and adequate school facilities in the municipalities of Ashland, Garfield Plantation and Portage Lake; and

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

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

Whereas, it is in the best interest of the area to suspend the operation of Ashland Community School District which has no outstanding indebtedness; 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:

Municipalities of Ashland, Garfield Plantation, Portage Lake, etc. to form School Administrative District. The municipalities of Ashland, Garfield Plantation, Portage Lake and any remaining towns of Maine School Supervisory Union No. 123 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-E-1 to

111-U-1, to take the necessary action to allow said municipalities to form a School Administrative District. The municipalities of Ashland, Garfield Plantation and Portage Lake, presently a part of Ashland Community School District, are authorized to proceed pursuant to sections 111-F to 111-U-1 with any remaining municipalities of Maine Supervisory School Union No. 123, to form a School Administrative District.

Upon formation of the School Administrative District, said Ashland Community School District shall cease to have any responsibility for the education of the pupils of said Ashland Community School District. Upon formation of the School Administrative District, Nashville Plantation shall assume full responsibility for the education of its pupils in grades 8 to 12.

The School Administrative District upon formation shall accept the elementary and secondary pupils of Nashville Plantation on a tuition basis.

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