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ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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JEROME G. PLANTE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Waltz of Waldoboro.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE

AN ACT Authorizing the Municipalities of Bremen, Bristol, Damariscotta, Jefferson, Newcastle, Nobleboro and South Bristol to Form a School Administrative District.

Emergency preamble. 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 economically impossible to meet the minimum requirement of 300 resident high school pupils in this area; and

Whereas, the State Board of Education cannot approve the formation of this proposed district under the criteria set out on the Revised Statutes of 1964, Title 20, section 213; and

Whereas, said Title 20, section 212, provides that the Legislature may establish such School Administrative Districts; 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 Bremen, Bristol, Damariscotta, Jefferson, Newcastle, Nobleboro and South Bristol authorized. The municipalities of Bremen, Bristol, Damariscotta, Jefferson, Newcastle, Nobleboro and South Bris-

tol are exempted from the limitations provided in the Revised Statutes of 1964, Title 20, section 213, and the State Board of Education is authorized to proceed pursuant to said Title 20, sections 215 to 307, to take the necessary action to allow the municipalities of Bremen, Bristol, Damariscotta, Jefferson, Newcastle, Nobleboro and South Bristol or any combination of 5 municipalities to form a School Administrative District and contract with Lincoln Academy for the education of secondary pupils. Notwithstanding the provisions of the private and special laws of 1961, chapter 17, one director from each member municipality of the district shall serve with the Lincoln Academy Board of Trustees as a committee; said committee shall be empowered to select and employ the teachers for the academy, to fix salaries, to arrange the course of study, to supervise the instruction and to formulate and enforce proper regulations pertaining to other educational activities of the school. Any student shall be permitted to complete secondary school at public expense in whatever school he may be enrolled at the time the district is organized.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Title 20, section 305, all appropriations made by the district and assessed against the member towns shall be apportioned as follows: ½ in the same proportion as the municipality's state valuation bears to the total state valuation of the district and ½ in the same proportion as the municipality's April 1st resident pupil count bears to the total April 1st resident pupil count of the district.

Nothing contained herein shall be construed to limit the number of times that the above-named municipalities may make application to the State Board of Education, nor shall the authority granted to the State Board of Education under this Act be limited to any specified number of times for the board 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.