

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 696

H. P. 466

House of Representatives, January 27, 1965

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

JEROME G. PLANTE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hammond of Paris.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-FIVE

**AN ACT to Permit the Citizens of School Administrative District No. 17 to Vote
on Dissolving said District.**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the residents of School Administrative District No. 17 have filed petitions to dissolve said district with the selectmen in the Towns of Norway and Paris; and

Whereas, the only capital indebtedness of said district is money borrowed on a note and then deposited in the same bank, and no bonds have ever been issued, the first note being issued in December, 1962; and

Whereas, the courts have ruled this to be a capital indebtedness and a bar to having a vote on dissolution; and

Whereas, the school directors sold real estate, land and buildings without the consent of the citizens of the district; and

Whereas, School Administrative District No. 17 needs more class rooms and better facilities, and the directors neglect and refuse to honor the wishes of the residents of Norway and Paris; and

Whereas, the citizens of the district recently voted down a request for a \$5,000 bond issue for school renovations by a substantial margin, thereby showing their disapproval of the actions of the school directors, said renovations already having been made; 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 legis-

lation 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 No. 17 permitted to vote on dissolution. The residents of either Norway or Paris, being the participating municipalities of School Administrative District No. 17, are authorized to proceed under the Revised Statutes of 1964, Title 20, section 222 to hold a special meeting to ascertain if either town wishes a vote of the residents of School Administrative District No. 17 to dissolve said district, and if a majority of the vote is in the affirmative, the State Board of Education, school directors of School Administrative District No. 17 and the selectmen of the Towns of Norway and Paris shall proceed in accordance with the Revised Statutes to prepare the necessary agreements and notices to hold a special meeting to vote on the dissolution of School Administrative District No. 17.

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