

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD LEGISLATURE

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

JERROLD B. SPEERS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Snow of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Share Costs in School Administrative Districts on a Basis other than State Valuation.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment of the Legislature unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, a number of municipalities cannot join districts under existing statutes; and

Whereas, school programs could be improved in many communities through school district formation; and

Whereas, the following legislation is needed to improve the educational programs of the State; 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:

R. S., T. 20, § 305, amended. The 7th sentence of section 305 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

The directors shall thereupon issue their warrants, in substantially the same form as the participating municipality, requiring them to assess upon the taxable polls and esates within said municipality an amount as determined by using the fol-

lowing formula. Each member municipality of the district shall raise the number of mills as specified in section 3722, any additional appropriation required by the district shall be divided among the member municipalities in the same proportion as the 2-year average of resident pupils in a member municipality bears to the total 2-year average of resident pupils in the district; except that no member municipality within the School Administrative District may be assessed an amount which is more than 5% higher than the average percentage increase of the district as a whole over the assessment of the previous year.

An alternate method of sharing costs among the member municipalities of a School Administrative District may be used if certified in accordance with the following. The municipal officers and school committee members or board of directors of a School Administrative District or proposed School Administrative District may petition the State Board of Education on forms prepared by the board for permission to share costs among the member municipalities of the district or proposed district on one of the bases set out in the following table:

Pupils	Valuation
30%	70%
35%	65%
40%	60%
45%	55%
50%	50%
55%	45%
60%	40%
65%	35%
70%	30%

Upon approval of the State Board of Education the municipalities of the School Administrative District or the municipalities of the proposed School Administrative District may vote upon the approved method of sharing costs in accordance with this section. If a majority of the voters in the administrative unit or units approve the method of sharing costs, then such method shall be used in sharing all future assessments within the district until or unless changed in accordance with the procedures set out in this section. Said directors shall commit the assessment to the constable or collector of said municipality who shall have all the authority and powers to collect said taxes as is in him vested by law to collect state, county and municipal taxes.

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