

STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES **103rd LEGISLATURE**

HOUSE AMENDMENT "C" to H.P. 609, L.D. 859, Bill, "An Act to Grant a New Charter to the City of Auburn."

Amend said Bill in section 3 of Article IV by striking out all of the last sentence (same in L.D. 859)

Further amend said Bill in Article VII by adding at the end a new section 17 (same in L.D. 859) as follows:

Sec. 17. Appropriation for schools.

1. The city council shall annually appropriate an amount of money sufficient for the support of the public schools as required by the Statutes of Maine.

2. Upon petition to the Superior Court against the City of Auburn, brought by 10 or more taxable inhabitants thereof, other than members of the Auburn Superintending School Committee, alleging that the amount necessary for the support of public schools has not been included in the annual budget appropriations for said year, said court may determine the amount of the deficiency, if any, and may order the City of Auburn and all its officers whose action is necessary to carry out such order, to provide a sum of money equal to such deficiency.

> A. When such an order is made prior to the fixing of the annual tax rate the foregoing sums shall be required by such order to be provided by taxation in the manner set forth in the Statutes and this charter.

B. When such an order is made after the annual tax rate has been fixed according to law such sums shall be required by such order to be provided by borrowing in anticipation of taxes. except that the notes shall be payable out of money raised by taxation during the municipal year next following the year in which they are made.

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<u>C.</u> Said court may order that the sum equal to the deficiency be appropriated for school purposes in the year in which such deficiency occurs and may order that the amount in excess of the deficiency be held as a separate account, to be applied to meet the appropriation for school purposes in the following year.'

Filed by Mr. Bernard of Auburn.

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