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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 Relating to Eligibility for School Construction Aid.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., T. 20, § 3457, amended. Section 3457 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 2 of chapter 475 of the public laws of 1965, is amended by adding at the end the following:

Any unit shall, before becoming eligible for school construction aid, obtain approval from the State Board of Education of the site upon which the school construction project is to be located. Failure to obtain such approval of site will make the unit ineligible for school construction aid.

Any unit which signs a contract for construction and begins construction before the building plans have been finally approved by the State Board of Education shall become ineligible for school construction aid on that particular project.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Title, any administrative unit that refuses by vote of its school committee or board of directors or by vote of its citizens to join with a neighboring town or towns in school district formation, when such addition or school district formation is supported by a vote of approval of the State Board of Education, shall forfeit its eligibility for school construction aid. Construction aid privileges may be renewed whenever the administrative unit supplies sufficient evidence to the State Board of Education that no community wishes to join with it in school administrative district formation. When such evidence has been supplied, the State Board of Education may issue a certificate of eligibility which will entitle the administrative unit to construction aid privileges under this section. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the construction aid to school administrative districts shall be determined as follows: The total cost of the construction project shall be distributed among the member municipalities of the district in the same ratio as the average number of resident pupils of the member municipalities bears to the total average number of resident pupils in the school administrative district. Each member municipality shall have its portion of the total construction cost subsidized based upon the percentage table in Table II using that member municipality's state valuation per resident pupil as the basis for determining the percentage of aid. The aid thus computed for the member municipalities shall be added together and shall be paid to the school administrative district.