

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, January 16, 1969

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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Page of Fryeburg.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-NINE

**AN ACT to Permit the Election of an Alternate School Director for Each
Town Within a School Administrative District.**

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

Whereas, education of the youth of Maine is a prime obligation and duty of the State of Maine and its political subdivision; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary in order to more efficiently carry out the duties of School Administrative Districts in educating the youth of Maine by permitting alternate school directors to be elected; 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, § 302, amended. Section 302 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding a new paragraph, to read as follows:

The board of directors may, by majority vote, notify the municipal officers of the municipalities within the School Administrative District to elect one alternate director to serve for a 3-year term. Such notification may be made during any period that is at least 45 days prior to the annual town meeting or

regular city election if the member municipality is a city. When the alternate directors have been authorized and have been duly elected at a regular town meeting or city election, they shall take the same oath required of regular directors. Alternate directors shall have the same powers, privileges and duties as regular directors and shall serve in their capacity as alternate directors whenever requested in writing by a regularly elected school director of the same member municipality. In the absence of such a written request or whenever the regular directors are in full attendance, the alternates shall have no authority to participate in the regular decision making process of the board of school directors. For the purpose of nominations, alternate school directors shall be considered municipal officials and shall be nominated in accordance with Title 30, chapter 207, or in accordance with a municipal charter, whichever is applicable. Upon the election of the alternate directors, the clerks of the several municipalities within the School Administrative District shall forward the name of the alternate director elected for each municipality to the secretary of the School Administrative District. Before an alternate director is permitted to take part in the functions of the School Administrative District, the secretary shall certify that the required oath has been administered and shall record the oath in the records of the district.

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