

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 488

H. P. 379 House of Representatives, January 29, 1969
On Motion of Mr. Dennett of Kittery. Referred to Committee on State
Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.
BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk
Presented by Mr. Mills of Eastport.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT Permitting the Establishment of an Indian Township Passamaquoddy School Committee.

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

R. S., T. 22, § 4839, additional. Title 22, of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 4839, to read as follows:

§ 4839. Indian Township Passamaquoddy School Committee

The Passamaquoddy Tribe of the Indian Township Reservation is authorized to establish an Indian School Committee to exercise guidance and supervision of the Indian Township school and educational program. The method of selection of school committee members, their number, terms of office, responsibilities and functions, and other such matters shall be decided by the Indian Township Passamaquoddy tribal governor and council in the same manner as in the adoption of tribal ordinances, as provided in section 4717, and such decisions shall have the force of law. Nothing in the establishment or functioning of said Indian School Committee shall reduce the services presently provided by the Department of Education to the Indian Township Passamaquoddy Tribe.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

This law would permit the involvement of Indian Township Passamaquoddy adults in the educational programs of their children and would be a valuable first step in greater self-determination by the Indian people.