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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Richardson of Stonington.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT to Postpone Final Action on School Appropriations in Administrative Units.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, a number of administrative units are faced with a decrease in school subsidy for 1969; and

Whereas, this decrease in state aid in combination with increased costs places undue burden on local property taxes; and

Whereas, the educational programs of many units are being jeopardized; 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:

Action on school appropriations in administrative units. Notwithstanding any other provision of statute or any unit's charter of special legislation, the legislative bodies of the administrative units in the State may approve gross school budgets at the regular appropriation meetings. The legislative bodies of the units may then adjourn and reconvene on the 5th day following the recess of the regular session of the 104th Legislature, at which time the legislative bodies shall consider the appropriations by the 104th Legislature for

1969 subsidy payments and shall establish the final budgets for purposes of assessments to be made in each administrative unit.

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