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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY

AN ACT to Create a School Administrative District in the Town of Madawaska.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, there is a vital need for safe and adequate school facilities in the Town of Madawaska; and

Whereas, the State Board of Education may not authorize the town to become a School Administrative District; and

Whereas, it is impossible for the town to join with other municipalities in district formation: and

Whereas, the Revised Statutes of 1964, Title 20, section 212, provides that the Legislature may establish single town administrative districts; 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:

School Administrative District for Madawaska authorized. The residents of and the territory within the Town of Madawaska are created a School Administrative District, subject to and governed by all the provisions of the Revised Statutes of 1964, Title 20, relating to School Administrative Districts. The district shall assume all outstanding indebtedness for school construction for which the Town of Madawaska is liable at the time of the vote. Said district shall be managed pursuant to the Revised Statutes of 1964, Title 20,

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by a board of school directors consisting of 5 persons to be elected by the residents of the district at a meeting for the purpose. The board of school directors shall be elected, subject to the acceptance of this Act, by a plurality vote of the legal voters of the district, voting on one for a one-year term, 2 for 2-year terms and 2 for 3-year terms.

This Act shall not take effect unless accepted and approved by a majority vote of those voting on the following article at a legally called town meeting: "Shall the Act to Incorporate the Town of Madawaska as a School Administrative District, be accepted?"

The clerk of the Town of Madawaska shall make a return to the State Board of Education, showing the number of total votes cast for and against the article submitted. If the Maine State Board of Education finds that a majority of the residents of the Town of Madawaska voting on the article submitted have voted in the affirmative, the board shall make a finding to that effect and record the same in its records. The board shall further assign a number and issue a certificate of organization to the district, which shall be the official title of the School Administrative District. The certificate of organization shall be delivered by the State Board of Education to the district directors on the date set for the first meeting of the board of school directors. The district shall, within 90 days from the date of filing the returns with the State Board of Education, call a meeting to elect the board of school directors and the clerk shall forward the names of the directors elected and their respective terms of office. Upon receipt of the names of the directors, the State Board of Education shall set a date for the first meeting of the board of school directors. On the date so set, the School Administrative District shall become operative and the directors shall assume the management and control of the operation of all the public schools within said district and after such date the Town of Madawaska shall have no responsibility for the control or operation of the public schools within its jurisdiction.

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

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