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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 137

H. P. 93

House of Representatives, January 12, 1971

Referred to Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Dyar of Strong.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Initiated Referendum on Decisions of Directors of
School Administrative Districts.

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

R. S., T. 20, § 305-A, additional. Title 20 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 305-A, to read as follows:

§ 305-A. Referendum on decisions

Within 35 days of the date of any decision of the board of school directors if sufficient petitions are filed with the secretary of the board of school directors requesting a vote of the district to approve or disapprove such decision, the secretary shall immediately notify the board of school directors and they shall call a district meeting for said purpose as set forth in section 225. To be sufficient to require the calling of a district meeting, the petitions must contain the signatures of at least 10% of the residents of the district eligible to vote on the date that the decision was made, as shown by the district voting list.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The registered voters of a School Administrative District under present statute can initiate by petition a referendum on capital construction only. At the present time there is no method wherein the voters of a district can legally alter the decision of a district that might pertain to the well-being of students and the tax payer.