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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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H. P. 94

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 Providing for Item Veto at School Administrative District Budget Meetings.

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

R. S., T. 20, § 305, amended. Section 305 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding after the 5th sentence the following new sentence:

At any district budget meeting, the eligible voters in the district may delete, diminish or increase any line item within the operating school budget, reserve fund for capital outlay purposes, contingency fund or capital outlay appropriation.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Under the present statutes the budget of a School Administrative District can be changed only in the total, leaving any change by the voters at the discretion of the school board and superintendent. This new legislation would allow the voters to change the budget in the actual line found objectionable. It has been normal practice when a budget cut has been authorized to cut in a department; vocational training, music etc., as a deterrent to future budget cuts.