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### ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

## Legislative Document

No. 1077

H. P. 804 House of Representatives, February 24, 1971 Referred to Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Curtis of Orono.

#### STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT to Create a School Administrative District for the Town of Orono.

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

School Administrative District for Orono authorized. The residents of and the territory within the Town of Orono 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 or the purchase of personal property used for school purposes in the municipality for which the Town of Orono is liable at the time of the vote. Said district shall be managed pursuant to the Revised Statutes of 1964, Title 20, by a board of school directors consisting of 5 persons to be elected by the residents of the district at a meeting for that 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. At the expiration of each term the vacancy or vacancies shall be filled 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 Orono as a School Administrative District, be accepted?" For the purposes of this Act, the town is authorized to utilize the secret ballot procedure for the purpose of voting on said question.

The clerk of the Town of Orono 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 State Board of Education finds that a majority of the residents of the Town of Orono voting on the article submitted have voted in

the affirmative, the State Board of Education shall make a finding to that effect and record the same in its records. The State Board of Education 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 Orono shall have no responsibility for the control or operation of the public schools within its jurisdiction.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to enable the Town of Orono to create a School Administrative District.