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H. P. 1466 House of Representatives, January 24, 1972 Committee on Education suggested.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-TWO

AN ACT to Dissolve the Four Corners Elementary Community School District.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Town of Oakfield has voted to withdraw from the Four Corners Elementary Community School District under section 360 of Title 20 of the Maine Revised Statutes; and

Whereas, the vote in Oakfield exceeded the $\frac{2}{3}$ majority required by statute; and

Whereas, the withdrawal of the Town of Oakfield from the Four Corners Elementary Community School District would leave too few students for an operational district; and

Whereas, chapter 11 of Title 20 makes no provision for the dissolution of a community school district; and

Whereas, the 4 towns of Dyer Brook, Merrill, Oakfield and Smyrna need to be returned to their original school status so that proper school planning can be done; 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:

Dissolution. On November 24, 1970, the Towns of Dyer Brook, Merrill, Oakfield and Smyrna voted to form the Four Corners Elementary Community School District.

The board of trustees was duly appointed and organized. A Certificate of Organization was issued by the Secretary of State on February 4, 1971, in compliance with section 352 of Title 20.

The Four Corners Elementary Community School District has no outstanding indebtedness.

It is ordered that the Four Corners Elementary Community School District is dissolved on the effective date of this Act. All records of proceedings or actions taken by the Four Corners Elementary Community School District shall be forwarded forthwith to the Commissioner of Education for his safekeeping by the chairman of the board of trustees. The board of trustees of the Four Corners Elementary Community School District shall cease to exist upon the effective date of this Act.

The dissolution shall become effective when approved by a majority vote of the voters in the Four Corners Elementary Community School District voting on the following question:

Shall the Four Corners Elementary Community School District be dissolved in accordance with the provisions of chapter of the Private and Special Laws of 1971? Yes No

Within 90 days of the passage of this Act, the commissioner shall set a date for a vote in the Four Corners Elementary Community School District on the provisions of the Act. The selectmen of each of the 4 towns in the Four Corners Elementary Community School District shall prepare warrants and shall call special town meetings on the date selected by the commissioner, said meetings to be held beginning at 7:00 o'clock in the evening on the date selected. The town clerks in the 4 towns of the Four Corners Elementary Community School District shall forthwith file with the commissioner the results of the vote on the question of dissolving the Four Corners Elementary Community School District, and the trustees shall comply with the provisions of the Act if dissolution is voted by a majority vote.

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this Act is reflected in the title.