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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
106TH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to S.P. 110, L.D. 255, Bill, "AN ACT to Authorize Eleven New Regions and Central Aroostook County Region for Vocational Education."

Amend said Bill in subsection 5 by adding 3 new paragraphs after the first paragraph to read as follows:

'The annual budget as finally approved by the cooperative board shall be submitted to the legislative body of each unit within the region in the form of an article in the budget meeting warrant or by an order in a city council. The question shall be in the following form:

Shall the regional vocational budget as approved by the cooperative board for the year be approved in the amount of \$?

The vote of the legislative body shall be to accept or reject the budget. No portion thereof may be amended. Following the annual budget meeting of each unit, the clerk of each unit shall notify, in writing, the member or members of the cooperative board which represent that unit of the results of the vote. Within 5 days after the last unit has acted on the budget, the chairman of the cooperative board shall call a meeting of the board to tally the results of the vote. The cooperative board members shall report in writing and each shall cast his ballot in the affirmative or in the negative in accordance with the majority vote of the unit represented. The chairman shall add the votes thus reported, and the cooperative board shall make a finding of fact and enter in its records the total vote in the affirmative and the total

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vote in the negative. If the total vote in the affirmative exceeds the total vote in the negative, the cooperative board shall declare that the budget has been approved by the voters of the region.

← If the budget fails of passage, the cooperative board shall prepare a new budget and again submit it to each unit for approval or disapproval at a special budget meeting called in the same manner as the annual budget meeting for the purpose of acting on the budget. The same reporting procedures and other fact-finding procedures shall be followed for the 2nd and subsequent meetings.

← If a budget has not been approved prior to the date of the commitment of taxes for collection in a member unit, the latest budget approved by the cooperative board shall become final and shall be approved by operation of statute.'

Further amend said Bill by adding a new sentence at the end of that part relating to Region 11 to read as follows:

'The State Board of Education shall pay construction subsidies in accordance with section 2356-B, subsection 1.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to permit the vocational regional school budget to be voted on in the same manner that the regular school budget is voted on.

Filed by Mr. Shute of Stockton Springs.

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