

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1003

H. P. 769

House of Representatives, February 21, 1973

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

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Trumbull of Fryeburg.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT to Authorize Alternate School Directors at School Administrative District No. 72.

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

Sec. 1. Alternate school directors. School Administrative District #72, comprehending the towns of Brownfield, Denmark, Fryeburg, Lovell, Stoneham, Stow and Sweden, all in Oxford County, is hereby authorized to have alternate school directors in addition to the regular board of school directors as now established by law.

Sec. 2. Election. Each town within School Administrative District #72 shall be entitled to elect one alternate school director for said district, in the same manner and for the same 3-year term as regular school directors. The board of directors of said district shall determine the initial terms of the first group of alternate school directors elected hereunder, so that the respective terms of office will each coincide with the present term of at least one regular director from the same town.

Sec. 3. Duties. Alternate directors shall be duly sworn as are regular directors and shall be subject to the same qualification requirements established for regular school directors. Alternate school directors shall be entitled to, and are expected to, attend all meetings of the board of school directors and may participate in discussions and investigations, sit with the board of directors at any hearings, participate in executive sessions and be compensated at the same rate as regular directors, for all board meetings attended. They shall be eligible to hold any office within the board of directors, except that of chairman or vice chairman, and may serve as members of any committees of the board. An alternate school director may vote on any matter before the

board of school directors from which at least one of the regular school directors elected from his town is absent, and not otherwise.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Several of the towns within S.A.D. #72 have been entitled, since the organization of the School Administrative District, to only a single school district. At the organization of this School Administrative District, it was publicly stated at all informational meetings, and generally agreed by the people of all participating towns, that each member town would be entitled to one Alternate School Director who could participate in all affairs of the Board and vote when a regular Director from the same town was absent from board meetings. It was recognized that this innovation would require legislative approval and a proposed amendment to the public laws was introduced at that time. This amendment to the public laws failed to be enacted. Notwithstanding the lack of enacted legislation, S.A.D. #72 has operated from its organization with informal Alternate School Directors, who have been compensated as consultants and who have participated in the affairs of the school district in all respects, save voting. This system has worked well for S.A.D. #72 and its Board of School Directors has now requested that this legislation be submitted for consideration, as a private and special act, so that in S.A.D. #72, the status of Alternate School Directors may be legally defined and recorded without affecting any other school administrative district in the State.