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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 47, L.D. 68, Bill, "AN ACT to Authorize the Town of Beals to Withdraw from the Moosabec Community School District."

Amend the bill by striking out all of the title and inserting in its place the following: 'An Act to Authorize the Towns of Beals and Jonesport to Withdraw from the Moosabec Community School District and Form a New District.'

Further

/amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. Authorization. The inhabitants of the towns of Beals and Jonesport are hereby authorized to withdraw from the Moosabec Community School District upon the terms contained in this Act.

Sec. 2. Continued existence. The Moosabec Community School District shall consist of the inhabitants of the ~~towns~~ of Beals and Jonesport for the purposes of owning and operating a secondary school for students in grades 9 through 12. The State Board of Education shall issue a certificate of organization for the Moosabec Community School District, effective July 1, 1977, which shall be conclusive evidence of the legal formation of the Moosabec Community School District.

Sec. 3. Rights and privileges. The Moosabec Community School District shall have all the rights and privileges of a district <sup>the Revised Statutes,</sup> formed under the provisions of Title 20, and shall be governed by all of the applicable provisions of Title 20.

Sec. 4. Trustees. The administrative units of Beals and Jonesport shall elect school trustees as provided in Title 20 within 30 days of the passage of this Act.

Sec. 5. Cost sharing. Costs shall be shared in the Moosabec Community School District based upon the provisions of the Revised Statutes, Title 20, section 361, and other applicable provisions of Title 20.

Sec. 6. Budget approval. Budget approval shall be governed by the provisions of the Revised Statutes, Title 20, section 362, which provide for the voters to act annually at a budget meeting on the appropriations necessary to operate the community school district.

Sec. 7. School committee. The presently elected school committee for the towns of Beals and Jonesport shall continue in office as school committee members and shall have all the powers and duties as set forth in the Revised Statutes, Title 20. At the expiration of the terms of office, the school committee members shall be elected in accordance with the provisions of Title 20, section 356.

Sec. 8. Assets. The trustees of the Moosabec Community School District shall be the body to determine an equitable division of any assets of the Moosabec Community School District to the Towns of Beals and Jonesport each receives a fair share of the assets of the present Moosabec Community School District. The Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services is authorized to settle any disputes which may arise in the division of assets. His decision shall be final and binding.

Sec. 9. Elementary schools. The Town of Beals and the Town of Jonesport shall each operate its own elementary school or schools for grades K through 8.

Sec. 10. Supervision. The Towns of Beals and Jonesport and Moosabec Community School District shall be grouped together for the purposes of supervision and shall, under the applicable provisions of the Revised Statutes, Title 20, employ a superintendent of schools and such other central office services as are voted by the joint board. This supervisory unit shall be known as School Union 103.

Sec. 11. Contracts. All contracts currently in existence shall be assigned to the school unit where the individual performs necessary school services. The Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services is authorized to settle any disputes relating to contracts. His decision shall be final and binding.

Sec. 12. Effective date. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the Towns of Beals and Jones port and the Moosabec Community School District shall have 30 days beyond the effective date of this Act to call budget meetings and adopt school budgets for the fiscal year 1977-78.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved, except that the K-12 Moosabec Community School District shall continue in operation through this fiscal year ending June 30, 1977.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to permit the Towns of Beals and Jonesport to withdraw from the Moosabec Community School District according to specific conditions contained in the amendment. The purposes of the conditions are to ensure that education continues to be provided to the secondary students of both Beals and Jonesport through the formation of a new community school district for grades 9 - 12.

Reported by the Committee on Education.

Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House.  
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