

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 748

H. P. 611 House of Representatives, March 8, 1977 On motion of Mr. Lynch of Livermore Falls, referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed. EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. LaPlante of Sabattus.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Authorize the Towns of Litchfield, Sabattus and Wales to form a new School Supervisory Union.

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

Whereas, Title 20, section 151 provides that supervisory unions employing over 35 teachers shall be regrouped only when approved by a majority of the school committee members in the administrative units involved; and

Whereas, the procedures to create a new supervisory union to consist of the towns of Litchfield, Sabattus and Wales and the Litchfield-Sabattus-Wales Community School District is not clear in the statutes; and

Whereas, the fiscal year for any community school district organized after February 1, 1972, shall begin on July 1st and end on June 30th, as required by Title 20, section 363, it is in the interest of the towns of Litchfield. Sabattus and Wales and the Litchfield-Sabattus-Wales Community School District, that prior to July 1, 1977, they be authorized to withdraw from Supervisory Union 43 and from Supervisory Union 30 in order to form a new supervisory union so as to insure an orderly transition consistent with fiscal year requirements; 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:

Authorization. Upon being approved by a majority of the school committee members in each of the administrative units identified, the towns of Litchfield and Wales and the Litchfield-Sabattus-Wales Community School District are authorized to withdraw from Supervisory Union 43, and the town of Sabattus is authorized to withdraw from Supervisory Union 30, and they are authorized to form a supervisory union consisting of the towns of Litchfield, Sabattus, Wales and the Litchfield-Sabattus-Wales Community School District.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act will become effective when approved, and the supervisory union as formed shall employ a superintendent to take office no earlier than July 1, 1977.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to authorize the towns of Litchfield, Sabattus and Wales to form a new school supervisory union.