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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1909, L.D. 1970, Bill, "AN ACT to Provide for Alternative Election Procedures for School Budgets on a Local Basis."

Amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated "§226-A." subsection 1, by striking out all of the last 3 lines (same in LD) and inserting in their place the following:

' Shall District No. vote to require that the voting at district meetings and special district budget meetings, held prior to July 1, 1981, be done within each member municipality of the district, if authorized to do so by the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services?'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated "§226-A." by striking out all of subsections 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, and inserting in their place the following:

'3. Petition to commissioner. Whenever it is determined that the voters within a school administrative district have voted in the affirmative on the article set out in subsection 1, the board of directors shall notify the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services of that fact and shall request authorization from the commissioner to cause the voting at all future district budget meetings

and special district budget meetings held during the effective period of this section to be done within each municipality within the district.

4. Selection of districts for local voting. The commissioner shall, following the receipt of requests for authorization pursuant to subsection 3, select not more than 5 school administrative districts from those requesting authorization. He shall then notify the boards of directors of those districts that they are authorized to cause the voting at all future district budget meetings and special district budget meetings held during the effective period of this section to be done within each municipality within the district.

5. Procedure for local voting. Following notification of authorization from the commissioner pursuant to subsection 4, the board of directors of a school administrative district shall cause the voting at all future district budget meetings and special district budget meetings to be done within each municipality within the district during the effective period of this section. The voting shall be held in accordance with the procedures set out in section 226 and the board of directors may hold any informational meetings which they feel are necessary in the manner and place which they feel appropriate prior to any voting. The board of directors shall also be responsible for the form of any articles to be voted on in the municipalities, except as otherwise provided by law.

6. Report. The board of directors of any school administrative district authorized to vote pursuant to subsections 4 and 5 shall, no later than June 30, 1981, submit a written report to the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services containing the board's evaluation of the following items:

A. Evaluation of the voting procedures authorized by this section;

B. Evaluation of the effectiveness of that procedure in their school administrative district;

C. Opinions on the advisability of retaining that procedure; and

D. Any recommendation for change in the procedures which the board may feel appropriate.

7. Effective date. This section is —→ repealed on July 1, 1981.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to provide that the local voting will be done on a trial basis in 5 school administrative districts to determine if it is a feasible alternative to district-local voting.

Filed by Mr. Wood of Sanford.

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