

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 238

House of Representatives, February 2, 1979

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Wood of Sanford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Amend the Statute Relating to Alternative Procedures for Adoption of  
School Budgets.

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

**Sec. 1.** 20 MRSA § 226-A, sub-§ 1, 2nd ¶, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 695, § 2, is amended to read:

“Shall District No. \_\_\_\_\_ vote to require that the voting at future district budget meetings and special district budget meetings held between July 2, 1978 and July 1, ~~1980~~ 1983, be done within each member municipality of the district?”

**Sec. 2.** 20 MRSA § 226-A, sub-§ 2, ¶ B, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 695, § 2, is amended to read:

**B.** The municipal officers of each municipality within the district shall then cause the article set out in subsection 1 to be placed on the ballots for that municipality for the next general or statewide special election occurring at least ~~120~~ 45 days after the date on which the municipal officers received the notice required under paragraph A.

**Sec. 3.** 20 MRSA § 226-A, sub-§§ 3, 4 and 5, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 695, § 2, are amended to read:

**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 between July 2, 1978 and July 1, ~~1980~~ 1983, 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 3 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 between July 2, 1978 and July 1, ~~1980~~ 1983, 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 held between July 2, 1978 and July 1, ~~1980~~ 1983, to be done within each municipality within the district. The voting shall be held in accordance with the procedures set out in section 225 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.

**Sec. 4. 20 MRSA § 226-A, sub-§ 7, first sentence,** as enacted by PL 1977, c. 695, § 2, is amended to read:

The board of directors of any School Administrative District authorized to vote pursuant to subsections 4 and 5 shall, no later than December 31, ~~1980~~ 1982, submit a written report to the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services containing the board's evaluation of the following items:

**Sec. 5. 20 MRSA § 226-A, sub-§ 8** as enacted by PL 1977, c. 695, § 2, is amended to read:

**8. Effective date.** This section is repealed on ~~January 1, 1981~~ **January 1, 1984.**

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purposes of this bill are to:

1. Extend the provisions of Title 20, section 226-A until July 1, 1983; and
2. Establish 45 days prior to the next general election as the deadline for placing articles on the ballot under this section.