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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1817, L.D. 1945, Bill,  
"AN ACT to Provide for Renegotiation of the Cost-sharing Formulas  
for School Districts."

Amend the bill by inserting before the enacting clause  
the following:

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

Whereas, school budgets must be prepared before July 1, 1980;  
and

Whereas, this Act may effect the method of cost-sharing in  
~~school administrative districts~~ which should be resolved before  
school budget approval; 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, '

Further amend the bill in section 1 by striking out everything after the amending clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Procedure for changing the method of sharing costs among the member municipalities in a School Administrative District:

~~When requested by 10% of the number of voters voting for the gubernatorial candidates at the last state-wide statewide election in the municipalities comprising the district, the board of school directors of the School Administrative District shall give at least 15 days' notice to each municipality comprising the School Administrative District of a meeting to determine the necessity of reconsidering the method of sharing costs. Each member municipality of the district shall be represented at the meeting to determine the necessity of reconsidering the method of sharing costs by its municipal-officers, school-director-or-directors,--and 2 representatives from each municipality chosen at-large by its municipal officers and one member of the board of directors chosen by the members of the board of directors from that municipality. Any change in the method of sharing costs must first be approved by a vote of 2/3 the majority of those present and voting and shall become effective when approved by a majority vote of the district at a meeting called and held for this purpose in accordance with section 225.'~~

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 2. 20 MRSA §378, sub-§2, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 482, §3, is amended to read:

B. Each member municipality of the district shall be represented at the meeting to determine the necessity of reconsidering the method of sharing costs by its municipal-officers,--school-director-or-directors--and 2 representatives from each municipality chosen at-large by its municipal officers and one member of the board of trustees chosen by the members of the board of trustees from that municipality. Any change in the method of

sharing costs shall first be approved by a vote of  $\frac{2}{3}$  a majority of those present and voting.'

Further amend the bill by striding<sup>out</sup> all of section 3.

Further amend the bill by inserting before the ~~Statement~~ of ~~Fact~~ the following:

'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.'

Statement of Fact

1. This amendment alters the method of determining representation to the meeting to reconsider cost-sharing formulas in ~~school administrative districts~~ and ~~community school districts~~;
2. Deletes section 3 of the bill; and
3. Adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.

Reported by the Committee on Education  
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