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House of Representatives, February 12, 1980

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk of the House

Presented by Mrs. Locke of Sebec.

Cosponsors: Mr. Hanson of Kennebunkport and Mr. Kiesman of Fryeburg.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY

AN ACT to Provide for Renegotiation of the Cost-sharing Formulas for School Districts.

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

Sec. 1. 20 MRSA § 305, 3rd ¶, first 3 sentences, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 440, § 2-F, are amended to read:

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 representative from each municipality chosen at large by the board of directors**. Any change in the method of sharing costs must first be approved by a vote of $\frac{2}{3}$ **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.

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 representative from each municipality chosen at large by the board of trustees.** Any change in the method of sharing costs shall first be approved by a vote of ~~2/3~~ a majority of those present and voting.

Sec. 3. 20 MRSA § 4751, sub-§ 1, ¶ C, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 625, § 8, is amended to read:

C. The commissioner's computation of the local allocation for each ~~single administrative unit or for each member municipality within a School Administrative District or community school district~~ shall not exceed the state-local allocation ~~as adjusted by section 4749 for the unit.~~ **The member municipality's share of a district's state-local allocation shall be determined on the basis of the average number of resident pupils in the calendar years prior to the year of allocation.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill amends the procedure for changing the method of sharing costs among the member municipalities in a School Administrative District or community school district and to relieve those towns in school administrative districts that are paying more than their proportionate share.