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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-445)
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 605, L.D. 682, Bill, "AN ACT to Clarify Certain Provisions of Law Relating to the Method of Voting for School Committee Members of the Wells-Ogunquit Community School District."

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. P&SL 1979, c. 45, §6, 7th ¶, last sentence,
is amended to read:

The duties of the trustees of the community school district school committee in the organization and management of the affairs of the district in accordance with the Revised Statutes, Title 20, shall be carried out by a school committee consisting of 6 5 members, ~~3 from each town~~ one from the Town of Ogunquit and 4 from the Town of Wells, to be ~~appointed and~~ elected and appointed in case of vacancy as are trustees under the statute.

Sec. 2. P&SL 1979, c. 45, §6, 8th ¶, is repealed.

Sec. 3. P&SL 1979, c. 45, §6, 11th ¶, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

One hundred percent of the total will be assessed between the towns in the same proportion as the number of resident pupils in each town as determined under the Revised Statutes, Title 20, section 966, subsection 1.

Sec. 4. Transition. The 5 school committee members of the Wells-Ogunquit Community School District shall be elected at the next annual town meetings of Wells and of Ogunquit following the effective date of this Act. The current members shall continue in office until the new members are elected and in office.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment changes the membership on the Wells-Ogunquit Community School District Committee to reflect the populations of each town. Wells has approximately 80% of the district's population and Ogunquit has approximately 20% of the district's population. The amendment also repeals the weighted voting provision of the law which established the Wells-Ogunquit Community School District. Finally, the amendment repeals the current sharing of school costs between the towns based on state valuation and replaces it with a sharing of costs based on the number of pupils in the school from each town.

Reported by Report "C" of the Committee on Local and County Government.
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