

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 278

In Senate, February 11, 1981

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

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Ault of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to the Commencement of Terms for Members of School Committees and Boards of School Directors.

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

Sec. 1. 20 MRSA § 302, as last amended by PL 1979, c. 670, §§ 4 and 5, is further amended by adding, after the 2nd paragraph, a new paragraph to read:

Notwithstanding this section, the voters of a district may vote on an appropriate article at a district meeting called in accordance with section 225 to establish a fixed common date for all newly-elected directors to assume their terms of office subsequent to the date of the last annual municipal election conducted within the district.

Sec. 2. 20 MRSA § 373, sub-§ 1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 482, § 3, is amended by adding, at the end, 2 new sentences to read:

Notwithstanding this paragraph, the voters of a district may vote on an appropriate article at meetings called by the municipal officers of the respective member towns in accordance with section 371 to establish a fixed common date for all newly-elected school committee members to assume their term of office on the district's school committee subsequent to the date of the last annual municipal election within the district. The adoption of such a common date shall be conditioned on the favorable passage of this article at each of the meetings of the member towns.

Sec. 3. 20 MRS § 472, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 783, § 17, is further amended by adding, at the end, a new sentence to read:

Notwithstanding this section, the voters of a town may vote on an appropriate article at a properly called town meeting to establish a fixed date for newly-elected school committee members to assume their terms of office subsequent to the date of the annual municipal election.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide an option to school administrative units to set a common date following municipal elections for the terms of school committee members and school directors to commence.