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ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 1211

S. P. 408

In Senate, March 10, 1981

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

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Wood of York.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Concerning Local Voting on School Budgets.

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

Sec. 1. 20 MRSA § 226-A, sub-§ 1, last ¶, as amended by PL 1979, c. 356, § 1, is further 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, 1982~~ be done within each member municipality of the district?”

Sec. 2. 20 MRSA § 226-A, sub-§ 3, as amended by PL 1979, c. 356, § 3, is further 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~~ **shall authorize the board** to cause the voting at all future district budget meetings and special district budget meetings ~~held between July 2, 1978 and July 1, 1982~~ to be done within each municipality within the district.

Sec. 3. 20 MRSA § 226-A, sub-§ 4, as amended by PL 1979, c. 356, § 3, is repealed.

Sec. 4. 20 MRSA § 226-A, sub-§ 5, first sentence, as amended by PL 1979, c. 356, § 3, is further amended to read:

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, 1982~~ to be done within each municipality within the district.

Sec. 5. 20 MRSA § 226-A, sub-§§ 7 and 8, as amended by PL 1979, c. 356, §§ 4 and 5, are repealed.

Sec. 6. Effective date. This Act shall take effect December 31, 1981.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to permit School Administrative Districts throughout the State to vote on budget meetings within each municipality of the district.