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1 SECOND REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 1982

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7 H.P. 1507

House of Representatives, January 24, 1984

8 Submitted by the Department of Educational and Cultural Services
pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

9 Reference to the Committee on Education is suggested and ordered
printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Locke of Sebec.

11 Cosponsors: Representative Crouse of Washburn and Representative
Randall of East Machias.

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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR
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17 AN ACT to Authorize a School
18 Administrative District to Reconsider
19 the Use of the Alternative Voting
20 Procedure for the Adoption of its
21 School Budget.
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23 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
24 follows:

25 Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1305, sub-§4 is enacted to
26 read:

27 4. Reconsideration of alternative voting proce-
28 dure. If a School Administrative District has
29 adopted the alternative voting procedure in accord-
30 ance with this section, then the board of directors
31 may submit the following article to the voters no
32 more often than once every 3 years, to determine if
33 the district will continue to adopt its budget in ac-
34 cordance with this section.

1 "Shall School Administrative District
2 No. continue to require that the
3 voting of future district budget meetings
4 and special district budget meetings be done
5 within each member municipality of the dis-
6 trict?

7 Yes No "

8 A. The process for reconsideration may be initi-
9 ated either by the board of directors or by a
10 written petition of at least 10% of the number of
11 voters voting in the last gubernatorial election
12 in the municipalities within the district.

13 B. The procedure for voting on the article and
14 for carrying out the election shall be as set
15 forth in this section.

16 C. If the article passes, then the alternative
17 voting procedure will continue to be the process
18 for adopting budgets in the district; if the ar-
19 ticle fails to pass, then future district budgets
20 will be adopted in accordance with sections 1303
21 and 1304.

22 Sec. 2. Reconsideration. Notwithstanding the 3
23 year limitation set forth in the Revised Statutes,
24 Title 20-A, section 1305, subsection 4, for
25 reconsidering the alternative voting procedure, any
26 district which has adopted the alternative voting
27 procedure, prior to the effective date of this Act,
28 may reconsider it under the provisions of section 1
29 at any time during the calendar year 1984; after Jan-
30 uary 1, 1985, the 3-year limitation set forth in this
31 Act will apply to all districts which have adopted or
32 may adopt the alternative voting procedure.

33 STATEMENT OF FACT

34 This bill authorizes School Administrative Dis-
35 tricts which have adopted the alternative voting pro-
36 cedure for the approval of school budgets to be able
37 to reconsider their decisions to adopt their budgets
38 by referendum. Districts would also be authorized to

1 set aside the referendum approach and return to a
2 town meeting style of government for the purpose of
3 adopting school budgets.

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