

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE  
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5 Legislative Document

No. 46

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7 H.P. 40

House of Representatives, January 15, 1985

8 Reference to the Committee on Education suggested and ordered printed.

9 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

10 Presented by Representative Wentworth of Wells.

Cosponsored by Representative Brown of Gorham.

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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE  
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17 AN ACT to Amend the Community School District  
18 School Committee's Ability to Make  
19 Additional Assessments.  
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
22 follows:

23 20-A MRSA §1701, sub-§8, ¶A, as enacted by PL  
24 1981, c. 693, §§5 and 8, is amended to read:

25 A. At the special budget meeting, the voters may  
26 authorize the district school committee to make  
27 an assessment on the member municipalities or to  
28 borrow funds to obtain additional moneys for the  
29 operation of the district's schools because of a  
30 financial emergency.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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The purpose of this bill is to prohibit community school district school committees from calling special budget meetings to impose additional assessments on member municipalities after the annual budget has been approved by the voters. The imposition of additional assessments after municipal tax rates have been set causes an undue hardship on the member communities.

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This bill retains the community school district school committee's authority to call a special meeting, when a financial emergency exists, to borrow additional funds for the operation of the district schools. This bill makes the subject matter that can be covered in a special budget meeting held by the community school district school committee the same as a school administrative district school committee.

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