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2 SECOND REGULAR SESSION
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4 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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6 Legislative Document

No. 1903

8 H.P. 1359

House of Representatives, January 17, 1986

9 Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council
10 pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

11 Reference to the Committee on Local and County Government suggested
and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Wentworth of Wells.

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15 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
16 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX
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18 AN ACT to Amend the Law Separating
19 the Ogunquit Village Corporation from
20 the Town of Wells.
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22 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
23 follows:

24 P&SL 1979, c. 45, §6, 3rd and 4th ¶¶ from the
25 end, are repealed and the following enacted in their
26 place:

27 Operational, maintenance and capital costs appor-
28 tionment between the Town of Wells and the Town of
29 Ogunquit:

30 1. One hundred percent of the sums necessary to
31 retire bonded indebtedness existing on June 30, 1980,
32 shall be assessed between the towns in the same pro-
33 portion as the state valuation of each town for the
34 year preceding that year to which the budget applies
35 bears to the total for both towns;

1 2. The Town of Ogunquit shall not be liable for
2 any part of the sums necessary to retire bonded in-
3 debtedness incurred after July 1, 1980, unless the
4 voters of the Town of Ogunquit approve the issuance
5 of those bonds; and

6 3. All other expenses of the Wells-Ogunquit Com-
7 munity School District, including operational and
8 maintenance costs, but not including principal or in-
9 terest necessary to retire bonded indebtedness in-
10 curring after July 1, 1980, unless approved by the
11 voters of the Town of Ogunquit, shall be apportioned
12 between the participating Towns of Wells and Ogunquit
13 according to the following formula which shall become
14 effective on July 1, 1986.

15 A. Twenty-five percent of the total shall be as-
16 essed between the 2 towns in the same proportion
17 as the state valuation of each town for the year
18 preceding that year to which the budget applies
19 bears to the total for both towns.

20 B. Seventy-five percent of the total shall be
21 assessed between the 2 towns in the same propor-
22 tion as the number of students from each town for
23 the year to which the budget applies bears to the
24 total for both towns.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2 The Town of Ogunquit has suffered a steadily de-
3 clining school population and a steadily increasing
4 cost since the Community School District was created.
5 In 1980, Ogunquit had 137 students out of a total
6 school population of 1,566 with a school payment of
7 \$400,687. In 1985, Ogunquit had 105 students out of
8 a total school population of 1,573 with a school pay-
9 ment of \$1,362,484. Ogunquit understands and accepts
10 its obligations to the district with regard to the
11 bonded indebtedness that existed at the time the dis-
12 trict was created, but the town is seeking to make it
13 clear that it will have obligations toward any new
14 bonded indebtedness only if the voters in the Town of
15 Ogunquit approve that indebtedness. To date, no new
16 bonded indebtedness has been incurred by the dis-
17 trict. The bill seeks to adjust the current cost-
18 sharing formula from one based entirely on state
19 property valuations to one based on a combination of
20 state valuation and the number of pupils.

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