

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 2051

H.P. 1501 House of Representatives, January 13, 1988
Approved for introduction by a majority of the
Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.
Reference to the Committee on Education suggested and
ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative MURPHY of Berwick.
Cosponsored by Senator TUTTLE of York and Representative
SMALL of Bath.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 **AN ACT to Amend the Law Concerning**
2 **Alternate Voting Procedures for School Budget**
3 **Approval.**
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5 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
6 follows:

7 20-A MRSA §1305, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1983,
8 c. 639, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in
9 its place:

1 4. Reconsideration of alternative voting
2 procedure. If a School Administrative District has
3 adopted the alternative voting procedure in accordance
4 with this section, then the board of directors may
5 submit the following article to the voters not more
6 than once every 3 years, to determine if the district
7 will change its voting process to the process set out
8 in sections 1303 and 1304.

9 "Shall School Administrative District No.
10 change its voting procedure so that all
11 future district budget meetings and special
12 district budget meetings use the town meeting
13 format instead of the alternative voting
14 procedure which is voting by referendum
15 within each member municipality of the
16 district?"

17 Yes

No"

18 A. The process for reconsideration may be
19 initiated either by the board of directors or by a
20 written petition of at least 10% of the number of
21 voters voting in the last gubernatorial election
22 in the municipalities within the district.

23 B. The procedure for voting on the article and
24 for carrying out the election shall be as set
25 forth in this section.

26 C. If the article passes, then future district
27 budgets will be adopted in accordance with
28 sections 1303 and 1304; if the article fails to
29 pass, then the alternative voting procedure will
30 continue to be the process for adopting budgets in
31 the district.

STATEMENT OF FACT

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The purpose of this bill is to clarify the provision of law which allows a School Administrative District to reconsider its adoption of an alternative method of voting on school budgets. The question is reworded to ask whether the procedure should change rather than whether the alternative procedure should be continued.

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