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# 115th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1203

House of Representatives, May 1, 1991

Reference to the Committee on Education suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative MARSANO of Belfast.

Cosponsored by Senator BRAUN of Knox, Representative NASH of Camden and Representative BARTH of Bethel.

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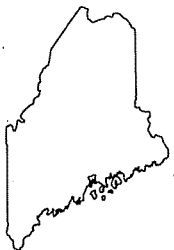
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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

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**An Act to Amend the Specific Line Budgets for School Districts.**

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1301, sub-§1, ¶C is enacted to read:

C. Under an alternate plan approved by an affirmative vote of the school board, initiated by the district pursuant to section 1351, subsection 1, paragraph C-1 and approved by a majority of the voters of the school administrative district and based on:

(1) The number of resident pupils in each town;

(2) The state valuation of each member town's real property as set in the calendar year prior to the district's fiscal year; or

(3) Any combination of subparagraphs (1) and (2).

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §1301, sub-§3, ¶¶A and B, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 693, §§5 and 8, are amended to read:

A. If requested by a written petition of at least 10% of the number of voters voting in the last gubernatorial election ~~in the municipalities~~ within the district, the board of directors shall hold a meeting of municipal representatives to ~~determine the necessity of reconsidering~~ consider the method of sharing costs. The district shall give at least 15 days' notice to each municipality comprising the district of that meeting.

B. Each member municipality shall must be represented at the meeting by 2 representatives chosen at large by its municipal officers, ~~and one member of the district board of directors chosen by the municipality's directors.~~

Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §1351, sub-§1, ¶C, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 693, §§5 and 8, is repealed.

Sec. 4. 20-A MRSA §1351, sub-§1, ¶¶C-1 and C-2 are enacted to read:

C-1. To initiate a change in the method of sharing costs among the member municipalities;

C-2. To approve a change in the method of sharing costs among the member municipalities;

## STATEMENT OF FACT

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4       This bill provides an alternate plan for sharing the costs  
6       of operating a school administrative district. The alternate  
      plan must be initiated by a vote of the school board and approved  
      by district referendum.

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10       The bill changes the law relating to the amendment of  
12       cost-sharing formulas by changing the petitioning requirements  
      necessary for a meeting of municipal representatives to be held  
      and the number of representatives to which a member municipality  
      is entitled.

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16       The bill also allows a school board to initiate a district  
18       referendum to initiate a change in the method of sharing costs  
      among member municipalities and repeals and reenacts the  
      provision allowing a school board to initiate a district  
      referendum to approve a change in the method of sharing costs to  
      solve a numbering problem.