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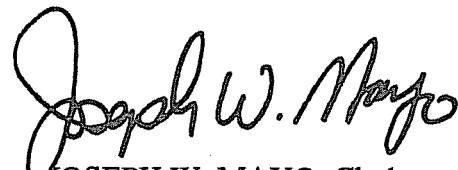
No. 582

H.P. 456

House of Representatives, February 22, 1993

An Act Regarding Responsibilities of Union School Committees.

Reference to the Committee on Education suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative AULT of Wayne.
Cosponsored by Representative: NORTON of Winthrop.

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

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3 Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1902, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1981, c.
4 693, §§5 and 8, is amended to read:

6 3. Duties. The union committee:

8 A. Shall meet annually in December, at a day and place
10 agreed upon by the ~~chairman~~ chairs of the school boards
comprising the union;

12 B. Shall choose a ~~chairman~~ chair and a secretary;

14 C. Shall, at its organizational meeting or as soon
16 thereafter as possible and whenever a vacancy occurs, elect
a superintendent as provided under section 1051;

18 D. Shall apportion the costs for a superintendent under
20 section 1051, among the school administrative units in
proportion to the service to be performed and certify to the
22 treasurer of each school administrative unit and to the
commissioner the amounts to be paid; and

24 E. May authorize a school administrative unit within the
26 school union to serve as a contractual employer of teachers
who provide services to more than one unit in the union.
28 Employment ~~shall be~~ is subject to section 13201 and Title
26, chapter 9-A; and

30 F. May assume additional responsibilities delegated by the
32 school boards of the school administrative units comprising
34 the school union. A plan for the delegation of additional
36 responsibilities under this section must be approved by a
38 majority of the members of each school board. The plan must
40 include, but is not limited to, a description of the
delegated responsibilities and apportionment of costs among
the member school administrative units. Funds to support
additional responsibilities under this section must be
budgeted and approved as part of each school administrative
unit's budget.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

A school union is a combination of 2 or more school
administrative units joined for the purpose of sharing the costs
of a superintendent and the superintendent's office. Each member
school administrative unit maintains its own budget, has its own
school board and operates in every way as a separate unit except
for the sharing of superintendent services. The school boards of
the school administrative units in the union form a union
committee to carry out a number of duties.

2 This bill permits the school boards within a school union to
3 delegate additional responsibilities to the union committee if a
4 majority of the members of each school board approve the
 delegation.