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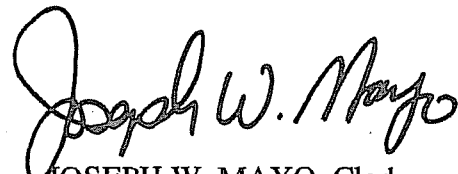
H.P. 511

House of Representatives, February 25, 1993

An Act to Reapportion Maine School Administrative District No. 72.

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Education suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative TRUE of Fryeburg.
Cosponsored by Senator HANLEY of Oxford.

2 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
3 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
4 as emergencies; and

5 Whereas, Maine School Administrative District No. 72 has
6 submitted a request to the Commissioner of Education pursuant to
7 the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 1255 to determine
8 if the school district's Board of School Directors is apportioned
9 in accordance with the principles of one person, one vote; and

10 Whereas, the Commissioner of Education has determined that
11 the district's current representation is not apportioned
12 according to the principles of one person, one vote; and

13 Whereas, a local reapportionment committee has met and
14 approved a reapportionment plan that involves a system of
15 weighted voting with one less director from the Town of Lovell
16 and one more director from the Town of Fryeburg; and

17 Whereas, Title 20-A, section 1253, subsection 2, paragraph
18 A, subparagraph (1) and Title 20-A, section 1255 contain mutually
19 inconsistent provisions concerning the terms of office of the
20 current school directors; and

21 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
22 create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
23 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
24 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
25 safety; now, therefore,

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

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29 **Sec. 1. Reapportionment of directors.** The Board of School
30 Directors of Maine School Administrative District No. 72 is
31 reapportioned according to the Method B (Weighted Voting)
32 reapportionment plan, which is set forth below:

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34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41
<u>Municipality</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>% of</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Number of</u>	<u>Per</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Voting</u>
	<u>Census</u>	<u>Pop.</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Directors</u>	<u>Director</u>	<u>Power</u>	
42	Brownfield	1034	16.0	160	2	80	8.0%
43	Denmark	855	13.2	132	2	66	6.6%
44	Fryeburg	2968	45.8	456	6	76	7.6%
45	Lovell	888	13.7	138	2	69	6.7%
46	Stoneham	224	3.5	35	1	35	3.5%
47	Stow	283	4.4	44	1	44	4.4%

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2	Sweden	222	3.4	34	1	34	3.4%
4	Totals	6474	100.0	999	15		

6 Within 7 days of the approval of this Act, the 3 directors
8 representing the Town of Lovell shall, under the supervision of
the board of school directors, choose by lot which one of the
10 Town of Lovell's directors' terms terminates. Following approval
of this Act, the municipal officers of the Town of Fryeburg shall
12 fill the vacancy created by the increase in the number of
directors from Fryeburg from 5 to 6 by appointment and the new
14 director shall serve until a successor is elected and qualified
at the next annual municipal election. Notwithstanding any
16 provision of law to the contrary, the terms of office of the
remaining 14 members of the Board of School Directors of Maine
18 School Administrative District No. 72 is not affected in any way
by the reapportionment plan enacted by this Act. Any future
20 reapportionment of the Board of School Directors of Maine School
Administrative District No. 72 is governed by the provisions of
the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A.

22 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
24 preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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30 This bill provides for the reapportionment of the Board of
School Directors of Maine School Administrative District No. 72
32 in accordance with a Method B (Weighted Voting) reapportionment
plan adopted by a local reapportionment committee established
under Title 20-A, section 1255. The plan provides for one
34 additional director from Fryeburg and one fewer director from
Lovell.