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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
116TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 252,  
L.D. 771, Bill, "An Act to Enhance Voters' Rights in Budget  
Approval of School Districts"

Amend the amendment by inserting after section 1 the  
following:

'Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §1305, sub-§3, as repealed and replaced by  
PL 1983, c. 770, §3, is amended to read:

3. Failure to approve a budget. If the budget or a portion  
of the budget fails to receive a majority vote at the referendum,  
the board of directors shall decide in a public proceeding  
whether subsequent votes on the portion of the budget which that  
was defeated shall must be conducted in accordance with the  
referendum procedure in subsection 2, or at a district budget  
meeting held at a single place in the district, in accordance  
with procedures in sections 1303 and 1304. Subsequent votes  
conducted in accordance with the referendum procedure in  
subsection 2 must be held within 45 days. Subsequent votes  
conducted in accordance with sections 1303 and 1304 must be held  
within 30 days. These referenda or meetings shall must be held  
solely for the purpose of approving an alternative operating  
school budget to replace the part of the proposed budget which  
that the voters failed to approve. The board may continue in  
this manner until an alternative budget is adopted.'

Further amend the amendment by renumbering the sections to  
read consecutively.

**HOUSE AMENDMENT**

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment establishes time limits for voting on a School Administrative District budget if the budget has failed at a referendum. If a subsequent vote is held at a referendum, it must be held within 45 days. If a subsequent vote is conducted at a district budget meeting held at a single place within the district, it must be held within 30 days.

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