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## 116th WAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1993

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H.P. 999

House of Representatives, April 28, 1993

An Act Concerning School Siting.

Reference to the Committee on Education suggested and ordered printed.

OSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative HEESCHEN of Wilton. Cosponsored by Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, MARSH of West Gardiner, MITCHELL

of Vassalboro, Senator: HANDY of Androscoggin.

	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15917 is enacted to read:
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	§15917. Safe siting required
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	A school construction project including a school, portion of
8	a school or play area may not be finally approved or constructed
	by a school administrative unit unless the school administrative
10	unit has complied with the provisions of this section.
10	T New Section 25 and Title Miles building and the second
12	1. Notification of utility. The building committee must notify the electric utility that provides or would provide
14	service to a proposed site that a school construction project has
TI	been proposed for that site.
16	seem proposed for ende sites
-	2. Testing of site. The utility shall conduct measurements
18	at the proposed site to determine whether the average annual
	magnetic field strength experienced at the site is 2 milligauss
20	or more. A utility may not impose a charge for such testing.
22	3. Remedial action. If the average annual magnetic field
	strength experienced at the site is 2 milligauss or more, a
24	school construction project to construct a new school or school
2.6	facility may not proceed. A school construction project to
26	expand an existing school or school facility may not proceed
28	until remedial action has been taken and a retest is performed with results of an average annual magnetic field strength of less
20	than 2 milligauss.
30	than 2 milligauss.
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32	STATEMENT OF FACT
34	This bill prohibits the construction or expansion of a
	school facility at a site that experiences average annual
36	electromagnetic field strengths of 2 milligauss or more.
	Utilities must test proposed school construction sites to
3.8	determine compliance with this standard at no shares to school

administrative units.