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No. 55

S.P. 24

In Senate, January 12, 1995

An Act to Amend the School Administrative District Alternative Voting Procedures.

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "May M. Ross".

MAY M. ROSS
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LORD of York.
Cosponsored by Representative McALEVEY of Waterboro and
Representatives: DEXTER of Kingfield, GOULD of Greenville, KNEELAND of Easton.

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1305, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1993, c. 372, §2, is further 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 that was defeated 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 must be held solely for the purpose of approving an alternative operating school budget to replace the part of the proposed budget that the voters failed to approve. ~~The board may continue in this manner until an alternative budget is adopted.~~ If the budget or a portion of the budget fails to receive a majority vote at 2 referendum votes as provided for under this alternative voting procedure, the board of directors shall submit the budget or the portion of the budget that was defeated to a district budget meeting held in accordance with sections 1303 and 1304.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Under this bill, if an operating school budget fails at 2 alternative voting referenda, then the budget must be submitted to a district budget meeting.