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# 117th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1995

Legislative Document                                                          No. 87

S.P. 58                                                   In Senate, January 17, 1995

**An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Alternative Voting Procedures for the Approval of a School Administrative District Budget.**

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

*May M. Ross*

MAY M. ROSS
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HANLEY of Oxford.

**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~~ conduct another referendum 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~~ The referendum 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~~ shall continue in this manner until an alternative budget is adopted.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill amends the procedure used when an operating school budget or part of the budget fails at referendum by removing the option of holding subsequent district budget meetings and by requiring subsequent referenda.