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No. 898

S.P. 317

In Senate, March 21, 1995

**An Act to Amend the Procedures for Conducting a School District
Referendum.**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "May M. Ross".

MAY M. ROSS
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HANLEY of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Senators: ABROMSON of Cumberland, AMERO of Cumberland, BEGLEY of Lincoln, CARPENTER of York, ESTY of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1353, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 1989, c.
4 502, Pt. A, §52, is further amended to read:

6 **2. Voting.** Voting shall ~~shall~~ must be held and conducted as
8 follows.

10 A. The voting at referendum ~~referenda~~ held in towns shall
12 must be held and conducted in accordance with Title 30-A,
14 sections 2524 and 2528 to 2532, even though the town has not
16 accepted the provisions of Title 30-A, sections 2524 and
18 2525. The facsimile signature of the clerk under Title
20 30-A, section 2528, subsection 6, paragraph F, ~~shall~~ must be
22 that of the ~~chairman~~ chair of the board of directors. If a
24 district referendum is called to be held simultaneously with
any statewide election, the voting in towns shall must be
held and conducted in accordance with Title 21-A, except
that the duties of the Secretary of State shall must be
performed by the board and if the statewide election is a
primary election, any registered voter may vote in the
referendum. The absentee voting procedure of Title 21-A
shall must be used, except the duties of the Secretary of
State shall must be performed by the board.

26 B. The voting at referendum ~~referenda~~ in cities shall must
28 be held and conducted in accordance with Title 21-A,
including the absentee voting procedure, except that the
30 duties of the Secretary of State shall must be performed by
32 the board of directors and if the statewide election is a
primary election, any registered voter may vote in the
referendum.

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36 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

38 This bill provides that when a school administrative
40 district referendum vote is held in conjunction with a statewide
primary election any registered voter may vote in the referendum
election, not just those enrolled in a political party.