

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

Handwritten initials or mark in the top left corner.

L.D. 1535

2
4
6
8
10
12
14
16
18
20
22
24
26
28
30
32
34
36
38
40
42
44
46
48

DATE: 6/7/95

(Filing No. H- 399)

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House.

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
117TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1092, L.D. 1535, Bill, "An Act Regarding School Construction in School Administrative District No. 49"

Amend the bill by inserting before the emergency preamble the following:

'Mandate preamble. This measure requires one or more local units of government to expand or modify activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues but does not provide funding for at least 90% of those expenditures. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 21, two thirds of all of the members elected to each House have determined it necessary to enact this measure.'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 3 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 3. Voter approval. The project must be submitted to the voters for approval at a referendum in accordance with section 5.'

Further amend the bill in section 5 by striking out all of the referendum question and inserting in its place the following:

' "Do you favor authorizing the school directors of Maine School Administrative District No. 49 to accept conditional and unconditional gifts and grants, including up to \$3,300,000 from the Town of Fairfield's Williamson Fund, and an additional \$300,000 from fund-raising efforts, the amount obtained by this district from gifts and grants and earnings thereon up to a maximum of \$3,600,000, for the purpose of

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

constructing and equipping an arts and technology center to be located on the existing school lot on School Street in the Town of Fairfield, which is the site of the Lawrence Junior-Senior High School Complex?"

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 5 the following:

Sec. 6. Additional disclosures. The following disclosures must accompany the question on the ballot:

1. The entire additional operating costs of the new project during its first 2 years must be supported entirely by revenues raised by the school administrative unit through fund-raising efforts with no tax burden placed on the voters of Maine School Administrative District No. 49;

2. The estimated amount of the additional operating costs during the first 2 years is \$35,000 in the first year and \$38,000 in the 2nd year. These costs will be paid from an endowment established through fund raising, with no tax burden on the voters of Maine School Administrative District No. 49; and

3. Maine School Administrative Unit No. 49 is responsible for the local share of debt service allocation as calculated in accordance with state law. In this case, however, there will be no debt service on the project since it is to be funded entirely from gifts and grants to the district and earnings thereon.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

FISCAL NOTE

This bill requires Maine School Administrative District No. 49 to conduct a referendum. The additional costs of this state mandate are minor. Pursuant to the Mandate Preamble, the two-thirds vote of all members elected to each House exempts the State from the constitutional requirement to fund 90% of the additional local costs.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment clarifies that only one referendum vote will be required in connection with the proposed construction project, replaces the question in the bill with a more specific question and provides for informational disclosures to accompany the question.