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S.P. 632

In Senate, January 4, 1996

**An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding the Apportionment of Costs of the
Mount Desert Island Regional School District among Member Towns.**

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.
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 GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, JONES of Bar Harbor, POVICH of
Ellsworth.

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

4 **Sec. 1. P&SL 1963, c. 176, §15** is amended to read:

6 **Sec. 15. Operational, maintenance and capital costs, apportionment**
7 **among towns.** The total annual budgeted expenses of the Mount
8 Desert Island Regional School District shall ~~shall~~ must be apportioned
9 among the participating towns according to the following
10 formulas: 33% of the total ~~will--be~~ is assessed among the
11 participating towns in the same proportion as the percentage of
12 resident pupils of each town enrolled in ~~Grades~~ grades 9 to 12
13 bears to the total from all towns in ~~said~~ those grades, with the
14 enrollment ~~to-be~~ taken as the average of the enrollments of April
15 ~~1~~ 1st and December ~~31~~ 31st in ~~said~~ those grades of the calendar
16 year preceding that year to which the budget applies; 67% of the
17 total ~~will-be~~ is assessed among the participating towns in the
18 same proportion as the ~~State-valuation~~ fiscal capacity of each
19 participating town ~~for-the-year-preceding-that-year-to-which-the~~
20 ~~budget--applies~~ bears to the total ~~for~~ fiscal capacity of all
21 participating towns. The fiscal capacity of a participating town
22 is measured as the average of the state valuation for that town
23 for the 3 most recent years preceding the year to which the
24 budget applies.

26 Towns entering the district, after it has been duly
27 incorporated as ~~hereinbefore~~ provided, shall have the values for
28 relative enrollment and relative ~~State-valuation~~ fiscal capacity,
29 as ~~defined--above~~ specified in this section, inserted in the
30 formula in the same manner as outlined ~~above~~ in this section;
31 ~~provided,--however,~~ except that the total relative percentages for
32 the participating towns within each of the ~~two~~ 2 divisions,
33 enrollment and ~~State-valuation~~ fiscal capacity, shall must be
34 adjusted to total 100%.

36 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

38 This bill provides that 67% of the costs of the Mount Desert
39 Island Regional School District must be apportioned among member
40 towns on the basis of fiscal capacity calculated as a 3-year
average of each town's state valuation.