

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 280

In Senate, January 28, 1999

**An Act to Permit Local Control and Funding of An Educational Building
in Accordance With a Municipal Charter.**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DOUGLASS of Androscoggin.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15905-A, sub-§3,** as enacted by PL 1991, c.
655, §10, is amended to read:

6 **3. Local vote.** Prior to approval by the commissioner, each
8 nonstate funded project, except a municipal school construction
10 project pursuant to subsection 4, must receive a favorable vote
in accordance with section 15904, except that section 15904,
subsection 4 does not apply.

12 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §15905-A, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

14 **4. Municipal schools.** In a municipal school unit where the
16 responsibility for final adoption of the school budget is vested
18 in the municipal council by municipal charter, a nonstate funded
project may be approved without a referendum vote if such powers
are vested in the municipal council by municipal charter.

20 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill permits a municipal school unit to approve a
24 nonstate funded school construction project without a local
26 referendum vote if such powers are vested in the municipal
council by municipal charter.