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## 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1046

House of Representatives, February 23, 1999

An Act to Eliminate the Licensing Requirements for Certain School Administrators.

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

SOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative MACK of Standish. Cosponsored by Representatives: ANDREWS of York, BRAGDON of Bangor, CHIZMAR of Lisbon, DAIGLE of Arundel, GOODWIN of Pembroke, MUSE of South Portland, PERKINS of Penobscot, Senator: FERGUSON of Oxford.

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

- Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1051, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1991, c. 655, §1, is further amended to read:
- 1. Eligibility requirements. Only-those-persons who-hold-a 6 state-certificate-of-superintendence-grade,-issued-in-accordance with---chapter---501---or---502,---may---be---eliqible---te---become 8 superintendents. Members of the school board may not be eligible 10 to become superintendent in the school administrative unit that they represent. Superintendents'-certificates-may-be-revoked-in 12 accordance-with-section-13020,---Grounds-for-revocation-include, but--are--not--limited--to,--the--employment--or--retention--ef uncertified -- personnel -- in -- a -- school -- administrative -- unit -- in 14 vielation-of-this-Title-or-of-any-rules-adopted-pursuant-to-this Title-16
- Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §1051, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 693, §§5 and 8, is amended to read:

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- 2. Appointment. The school board shall elect, by majority vote of the full membership, the superintendent. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the selection of a superintendent by the school board is not subject to approval by the State. The school board, upon notification by the commissioner, shall meet during December of the year preceding the expiration of the superintendent's contract, at a day and place determined by the ehairman chair. When a vacancy occurs, the school board shall meet as soon as possible to choose a superintendent.
  - Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §13011, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 287, §1, is repealed.
- Sec. 4. 20-A MRSA §13019-A, as amended by PL 1989, c. 889, §9, is repealed.
- Sec. 5. 20-A MRSA §13019-F, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 38
  282, §1, is amended to read:
- 2. Basic level knowledge areas. Meets a majority of the basic level knowledge areas described in sections 13019-A, 13019-B and 13019-C; and

#### SUMMARY

This bill repeals the requirement that a person have a superintendent's certificate in order to be employed as a superintendent. It also provides that the selection of a superintendent by a school board is not subject to approval by

- the State. It repeals the provision of law that requires the Board of Education to establish qualifications for certifying certain school administrators, including superintendents,
- 4 principals and directors of vocational education.