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No. 1609

S.P. 547

In Senate, March 2, 1999

**An Act to Create Greater Equity in Representation Among
Municipalities Belonging to School Administrative Districts and Ensure
That All School Referendum Votes Are Preceded by a Public Hearing.**

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 LONGLEY of Waldo.
Cosponsored by Representative: WESTON of Montville.

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

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Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1252, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 693, §§5 and 8, is amended to read:

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The following are methods of representation. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section and regardless of which method of representation is chosen, a municipality that is part of a school administrative district may not control more than 50% of the vote of the board of directors of that school administrative district when full membership and full attendance of the board is taken into account.

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Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §1353, sub-§2, ¶C is enacted to read:

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C. Referendum voting conducted pursuant to this section must also be conducted in accordance with the requirements established in Title 30-A, section 2528, subsection 5, except that the duties of the municipal officers must be performed by the board of directors.

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SUMMARY

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This bill establishes a limit on any method of apportioning voting strength among the municipalities represented on a board of directors for a school administrative district so that a municipality may not control more than 50% of the vote of a board of directors.

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This bill also applies the public hearing requirement that pertains to municipal referenda to school administrative district referenda as well.

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