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S.P. 181

In Senate, February 6, 2003

An Act To Ensure Timely Responses to Requests for School Administrative District Reapportionments

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 MITCHELL of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative LEDWIN of Holden and
Senators: BRENNAN of Cumberland, WESTON of Waldo, Representatives: CUMMINGS of
Portland, DAVIS of Falmouth, FINCH of Fairfield, NORTON of Bangor, TARDY of
Newport.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1255, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1987, c.
395, Pt. A, §54, is further amended to read:

6 **1. Duties of the commissioner.** The commissioner shall
determine if a district is apportioned in accordance with the
8 principles of one man person, one vote, if:

10 A. He The commissioner receives a request by the board of
directors;

12 B. He The commissioner receives a petition signed by
14 district voters equal to at least 10% of the voters who
voted in the last gubernatorial election in the district;
16 or

18 C. He The commissioner determines a district is not
apportioned according to the principles of one man person,
20 one vote.

22 The commissioner shall make a determination under paragraph A or
24 B within 30 days of receiving the request or the petition.

26 **SUMMARY**

28 This bill requires the Commissioner of Education to make a
determination whether a school district needs to be reapportioned
30 within 30 days of receiving a request by the board of directors
or a petition from district voters.