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SENATE AMENDMENT "F" to H.P. 1645, L.D. 2280, Bill, "An Act To Clarify and Improve the Laws Governing the Formation of Regional School Units"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §1461, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 240, Pt. XXXX, §13, is amended to read:

5. Referendum on reorganization plan. The municipal officers of each municipality in a proposed reorganized school administrative unit or any approved alternative organizational structure shall place a warrant article substantially as follows on the ballot of a municipal referendum conducted in accordance with the referendum procedures applicable to the school administrative unit of which the municipality is a member.

"Article: Do you favor approving the school administrative reorganization plan prepared by the (insert name) Reorganization Planning Committee to reorganize (insert names of affected school administrative units) into a regional school unit or any approved alternative organizational structure, with an effective date of (insert date)?"

Yes No"

The following statement must accompany the article:

"Explanation:

A "YES" vote means that you approve of the (municipality or school administrative unit) joining the proposed regional school unit. The financial penalties under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15696 to the existing school administrative units will no longer apply to the proposed regional school unit."

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SUMMARY

This amendment clarifies that the provisions of the law governing referenda on school reorganization plans apply to any approved alternative organizational structure.

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