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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 258, L.D. 383, Bill, "An Act To Increase Public Awareness Regarding School Budget Elections"

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Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

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'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1486, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2009, c. 571, Pt. QQQ, §2, is further amended to read:

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2. Validation referendum procedures. The budget validation referendum must be held on or before the 30th calendar day following the scheduled date of the regional school unit budget meeting. The referendum may not be held on a Sunday or legal holiday. The vote at referendum is for the purpose of approving or rejecting the total regional school unit budget approved at the regional school unit budget meeting. The regional school unit board shall provide printed information to be displayed at polling places to assist voters in voting. That information is limited to the total amounts proposed by the regional school unit board for each cost center summary budget category article, the amount approved at the regional school unit budget meeting, a summary of the total authorized expenditures, a statement that includes the total dollar amount and the amount of the percentage increase or decrease of the total authorized expenditures as compared to the total authorized expenditures in the budget approved and validated in the previous school year and, if applicable because of action on an article under section 15690, subsection 3, paragraph A, a statement that the amount approved at the regional school unit budget meeting includes locally raised funds that exceed the maximum state and local spending target pursuant to section 15671-A, subsection 5.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment, which is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, strikes and replaces the bill to require that the information provided by a regional school unit board, which must be posted at polling places during a budget validation referendum vote, must include a statement that includes the total dollar amount of authorized expenditures in the budget for the upcoming school year and the

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1 amount of the percentage increase or decrease of the total authorized expenditures as
2 compared to the total authorized expenditures in the budget approved and validated in the
3 previous school year.

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