

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 458

House of Representatives, February 26, 2013

### **An Act To Limit the Amount a School Administrative Unit May Spend without Voter Approval**

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

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative GIFFORD of Lincoln.  
Cosponsored by Senator THOMAS of Somerset and  
Representatives: AYOTTE of Caswell, CRAY of Palmyra, DUNPHY of Embden,  
FITZPATRICK of Houlton, LONG of Sherman, TURNER of Burlington.

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

**Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1351, sub-§1, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 693, §§5 and 8, is amended to read:

A. To approve the issuance of bonds or notes for school construction projects or, in the case of a project not involving the issuance of bonds or notes, to approve spending on any school construction project with a cost greater than \$2,000,000;

**Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §15904, first ¶**, as amended by PL 1985, c. 248, §3, is further amended to read:

~~Prior to final approval by the state board, A school administrative unit may not spend any funds on a school construction project, other than a small scale school construction project, as defined in section 15901, subsection 4-A, with a total cost of less than \$2,000,000, and the state board may not give final approval to a school construction project, except a small scale school construction project as defined in section 15901, subsection 4 A, must receive unless the project receives a favorable vote conducted in accordance with the following this section.~~

## SUMMARY

This bill requires approval in a local vote before a school administrative unit may spend any funds on a school construction project other than a small scale school construction project with a total cost of less than \$2,000,000.