

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 485

House of Representatives, February 7, 2019

### **An Act To Organize Biannual County Meetings for Local School Boards**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative SAMPSON of Alfred.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: DeVEAU of Caribou, DOLLOFF of Rumford, GRIGNON of Athens, ORDWAY of Standish, PERKINS of Oakland, PRESCOTT of Waterboro, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, Senator: WOODSOME of York.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1005** is enacted to read:

3 **§1005. Countywide meetings**

4 The state board shall organize and oversee a biannual meeting in each county for the  
5 school boards in each county to attend for the purpose of engaging in peer-to-peer  
6 discussions, developing new ideas and reviewing proposed rule changes by the  
7 department and other policies and issues impacting school administrative units. Each  
8 school board may send up to 3 representatives, and the state board shall send at least one  
9 representative to the biannual county meeting. Costs for a biannual county meeting must  
10 be split between the state board and the school administrative units in that county.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill requires the State Board of Education to organize a biannual meeting in each  
13 county for the school boards in each county to engage in peer-to-peer discussions,  
14 develop new ideas and review proposed rule changes by the Department of Education and  
15 other policies and issues impacting school administrative units. Each school board may  
16 send up to 3 representatives, and the state board shall send at least one representative to  
17 the biannual county meeting. Costs for a biannual county meeting must be split between  
18 the state board and the school administrative units in that county.