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STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 96th Legislature

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to H. P. 324, L. D. 392, Bill "An Act Relating to Minimum Salaries for Teachers."

Amend said Bill by inserting at the beginning of the 1st line the underlined abbreviation and figure 'Sec. 1.'

Further amend said Bill by adding at the end thereof a new section 2 to read as follows:

<u>"Sec. 2</u>.

R.S., c. 37, sec. 201, amended. Section 201 of chapter 37 of the revised statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 1 of chapter 386 of the public laws of 1951, is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof a new paragraph to read as follows:

'The state shall subsidize maintenance costs of education only in those communities where a tax rate equal to the 1951 average tax rate for school maintenance purposes, excluding physical structures, in the state fails to produce revenue sufficient to meet the costs of the minimum program. After a town has assessed a tax rate equal to the 1951 average tax rate for school maintenance purposes, excluding physical structures, the balance of funds necessary to maintain a minimum program shall be provided from the general fund of the state. A minimum program shall not exceed a ratio of over 30 pupils per teacher.'"

Filed by Mr. SMALL of Mexico.

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