

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
98th LEGISLATURE

HOUSE AMENDMENT "C" to S. P. 515, L. D. 1478, Bill, "An Act Relating to Educational Aid and Reorganization of School Administrative Units."

Amend said Bill in that part designated "Sec. 111-E" of Section 1-B by striking out all of the last underlined sentence and inserting in place thereof the following underlined sentence: 'If this minimum size district cannot be attained without transporting high school pupils an unreasonable distance, generally considered to be over 20 miles, or if other local conditions justify a decision to the effect that a smaller district would be for the best educational interest of the pupils involved, smaller districts may be approved by the Commission.'

Further amend said Bill in that part designated "Sec. 237-D" of section 1 by adding at the end the following underlined paragraph:

'It is the intent of the Legislature that Table I of this section should be revised each biennium to reflect changes in the educational expenditures of towns. On or before October 1st of each year prior to the convening of the Legislature, it shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Education to make recommendations to the Governor for such revision which may be used as the basis for budget needs and recommendation for state school subsidies for appropriation by the subsequent session of the Legislature.'

Further amend said Bill in that part designated "Sec. 111-F" of section 1-B by striking out all of the first 2 paragraphs and inserting in place thereof the following:

'The inhabitants of and the territory within 2 or more municipalities may form a school administrative district which shall be a body politic and corporate, if previously approved by the School District Commission, by proceeding as follows: The School Committees and selectmen of the interested municipalities may meet for the purpose of determining a fair and equitable number of school directors to be elected by and to represent each participating municipality. When a decision on this representation can be reached by a 2/3 majority vote of those present, the municipal officers in each of the several municipalities may call a meeting of the inhabitants of their respective municipalities in the manner provided by law for the calling of town meetings, and such meetings shall vote to favor or oppose similar articles in the following form:

Article : To see if the municipality will vote to join with the municipalities of (naming them) to form a school administrative district.

Article : To see if the municipality will vote to approve the allocation of representation among the municipalities on the Board of School Directors as recommended by the school committees

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and boards of selectmen and listed as follows.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of that part designated "Sec. 111-H" of section 1-B and inserting in place thereof the following underlined section:

'Sec. 111-H. School directors. All the affairs of said district shall be managed by a Board of School Directors which shall consist of not less than 5 nor more than 12 members, the exact number to be determined by the municipal officers as provided for in section 111-F. Representation on the Board of School Directors shall be in accordance with the vote in the second Article of section 111-F if approved by each participating municipality.'

If at any time after a school administrative district has been formed, conditions appear to warrant a change in the number of school directors, petitions may be filed with the School District Commission or State Department of Education requesting such changes and the Commission or Department is authorized to make such changes when in their judgment the petitions represent the wishes of a majority of the voters and the proposed change will improve the conduct of the affairs of the administrative district.'

Further amend said Bill in that part designated "Sec. 111-I" of section 1-B by striking out all of the 1st underlined sentence and inserting in place thereof the following underlined sentence: 'When a school administrative district has been formed, elections shall be called within 60 days by the selectmen or city government in the several municipalities for the purpose of selecting the approved number of school directors from each municipality by the legal voters of that municipality.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of section 5 of said Bill.

Further amend said Bill by renumbering the sections of said Bill to read consecutively.

Presented by Mr. Fuller of So. Portland.

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