

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION (EMERGENCY)

NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

H. P. 995 House of Representatives, January 19, 1960. Committee on Education suggested.

Presented by Mr. Wheaton of Princeton.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY

AN ACT to Authorize the Municipalities of Danforth and Weston to Form a School Administrative District.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the school committees of the municipalities of Danforth and Weston have filed applications with the Maine School District Commission for the formation of a School Administrative District; and

Whereas, the municipalities have conducted a thorough study of the school conditions in the area; and

Whereas, the Town of Danforth has lost by fire its major school facilities; and

Whereas, there is a vital need for safe and adequate school facilities in the municipalities; and

Whereas, the school programs of the area could be improved and more efficiently and economically operated; and

Whereas, it is geographically impossible to meet the minimum requirement of 300 resident high school pupils in this area; and

Whereas, the Maine School District Commission cannot approve the formation of this proposed district under the criteria set out in the Revised Statutes of 1954. chapter 41, section 111-E; and

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Whereas, the Maine School District Commission recommends that the municipalities of Danforth and Weston be authorized to establish a School Administrative District; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

School Administrative District for Danforth and Weston authorized. The municipalities of Danforth and Weston are exempted from the limitations provided in the Revised Statutes of 1954, chapter 41, section 111-E, as amended, and the Maine School District Commission is authorized to proceed, pursuant to sections 111-F to 111-U of said chapter 41, to take the necessary action to allow the municipalities of Danforth and Weston to form a School Administrative District.

The School Administrative District once formed shall be and is entitled to charge an annual tuition rate which may exceed by 30% the actual per pupil costs of the School Administrative District, but which shall not exceed 130% of the average cost per pupil in all secondary schools of the State for the preceding fiscal year.

Nothing contained in this act shall be construed to limit the number of times that the within-named municipalities may make application to the Maine School District Commission, nor shall the authority heretofore granted to the Maine School District Commission under this act be limited to any specified number of times for the commission to authorize the within-named municipalities to act on the formation of a School Administrative District.

The authority granted under this act shall not extend beyond December 15, 1960.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

See emergency preamble.

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