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**STATE OF MAINE**

AS PASSED BY THE

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**CHAPTER 99**

S. P. 93 — L. D. 179

**AN ACT to Amend the Representation of Towns on Community School Districts.**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, important school decisions are being made at this time; and

Whereas, under existing laws there are towns that do not have a voice in these decisions; 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:**

**20 MRSA § 356**, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 783, §§ 14 and 15, is further amended by adding at the end 2 new paragraphs to read:

**If any representative on the community school committee is absent from 3 consecutive regular committee meetings, the committee may declare that a vacancy exists and the school committee of the representative's town may choose from among its members another representative to the community school committee. He shall be chosen on the basis of seniority.**

**If a community school committee member is absent from a meeting the senior nonvoting member shall be allowed all the rights and privileges of the absent member with the exception of the right to vote. This paragraph shall only apply to a community with only one member on the community school committee.**

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

Effective April 13, 1979

**CHAPTER 100**

S. P. 112 — L. D. 215

**AN ACT Authorizing the Public Utilities Commission to use a Modified Procedure in Uncontested Cases Relating to the Assignment and Transfer of Contract Carrier Permits.**

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