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Wildlife and 1/3 to the Department of Marine Resources, and shall be used to defray the costs of enforcing this subchapter.

**Sec. 5. Effective date.** Sections 1, 2 and 3 of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 1981.

Effective July 3, 1980, unless otherwise indicated

## CHAPTER 721

### H. P. 1817 — L. D. 1945

#### AN ACT to Provide for Renegotiation of the Cost-sharing Formulas for School Districts.

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

Whereas, school budgets must be prepared before July 1, 1980; and

Whereas, this Act may effect the method of cost-sharing in School Administrative Districts which should be resolved before school budget approval; 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:**

**Sec. 1. 20 MRSA § 305, 3rd ¶, first 3 sentences, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 440, § 2-F, are amended to read:**

Procedure for changing the method of sharing costs among the member municipalities in a School Administrative District:

When requested by 10% of the number of voters voting for the gubernatorial candidates at the last ~~state-wide~~ statewide election in the municipalities comprising the district, the board of school directors of the School Administrative District shall give at least 15 days' notice to each municipality comprising the School Administrative District of a meeting to determine the necessity of reconsidering the method of sharing costs. Each member municipality of the district shall be represented at the meeting to determine the necessity of reconsidering the method of sharing costs by its ~~municipal officers, school director or directors, and~~ 2 representatives from each municipality chosen at large by its municipal officers **and one member of the board of directors chosen by the members of the board of directors from that municipality.** Any change in the method of sharing costs must first be approved by a vote of ~~2/3~~ the majority of

those present and voting and shall become effective when approved by a majority vote of the district at a meeting called and held for this purpose in accordance with section 225.

**Sec. 2. 20 MRSA § 378, sub-§ 2, ¶ B**, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 482, § 3, is amended to read:

**B.** Each member municipality of the district shall be represented at the meeting to determine the necessity of reconsidering the method of sharing costs by ~~its municipal officers, school director or directors and~~ 2 representatives from each municipality chosen ~~at large~~ by its municipal officers **and one member of the school committee chosen by the members of the school committee from that municipality.** Any change in the method of sharing costs shall first be approved by a vote of ~~2/3~~ **a majority** of those present and voting.

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

Effective April 2, 1980

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## CHAPTER 722

H. P. 1992 — L. D. 2022

**AN ACT to Eliminate the "Pay-in" Inequity within School Administrative Districts and Community School Districts.**

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

**20 MRSA § 4751, sub-§ 1, ¶ C, sub-¶ (1)** is enacted to read:

**(1) Beginning July 1, 1981, the commissioner's computation of the local allocation for each single administrative unit or for each member municipality within a School Administrative District or community school district shall not exceed the state-local allocation. The member municipality's share of a district's state-local allocation shall, for the purpose of this subparagraph, be determined on the basis of the average number of resident pupils in the calendar year prior to the year of allocation.**

Effective July 3, 1980