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CHAPTER 770

H.P. 1814 - L.D. 2399

AN ACT Relating to Local Voting on School
Administrative District Budgets.

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1304, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. Secret ballot. An article shall be voted on by secret ballot if 10% of those present and voting vote to have a secret ballot.

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §1305, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 693, §§5 and 8, is amended to read:

2. Application. Following the board of director's declaration that the article has passed, the board shall cause the voting at all future district budget meetings and to be called within each municipality within the district. The voting shall be held in accordance with the procedures set out in sections 1351 to 1354, except that the warrant for the meeting shall be prepared and distributed at least 14 days prior to the date of the referendum. The board may hold informational meetings on voting procedure and budget prior to voting. The board shall be responsible for the form of the articles to be voted on in the municipalities, except as otherwise provided by law.

Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §1305, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1983, c. 422, §4, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

3. Failure to approve a budget. If the budget or portion of the budget fails to receive a majority vote at the referendum, the board of directors shall decide in a public proceeding whether subsequent votes on the portion of the budget which was defeated shall be conducted in accordance with the referendum procedure in subsection 2, or at a district budget meeting held at a single place in the district, in accordance with procedures in sections 1303 and 1304. These referenda or meetings shall be held solely for the purpose of approving an alternative operating school budget to replace the part of the proposed

budget which the voters failed to approve. The board may continue in this manner until an alternative budget is adopted.

Effective July 25, 1984.

CHAPTER 771

S.P. 778 - L.D. 2097

AN ACT to Ensure Universal Telephone Service for Maine People.

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

35 MRSA §74 is enacted to read:

§74. Rates to ensure universal telephone service

The Legislature declares and finds that the 50-year effort to bring affordable, universally available telephone service to the public has served the State well; universal telephone service has contributed to the state's economic, social and political integration and development; the public benefits from universal telephone service because each telephone subscriber receives a more valuable service when virtually anyone else in the State can be called; significant rate increase may threaten universal service by forcing some Maine people to discontinue their telephone service. It is the policy of the State that telephone service shall continue to be universally available, especially to the poor, at affordable rates.

Effective July 25, 1984.

CHAPTER 772

H.P. 1637 - L.D. 2166

AN ACT to Promote Family Permanency.

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