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An Act To Allow the Town of Surry To Join School Union No. 93

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

Joseph G. Carleton Jr.

JOSEPH G. CARLETON, JR. Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock.

2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and 3 Whereas, Public Law 2007, chapter 240, Part XXXX required the reorganization of 4 school administrative units into regional state-approved units of administration and also 5 repealed the provision established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 107 that authorized the Commissioner of Education to combine a member municipality of one 6 7 school union with another school union; and 8 Whereas, prior to the enactment of Public Law 2007, chapter 240, Part XXXX, the 9 Town of Surry was a member of School Union No. 92; and 10 Whereas, following the enactment of Public Law 2007, chapter 240, Part XXXX, the former member municipalities of School Union No. 92 have either reorganized into 11 Regional School Unit No. 24 or Alternative Organizational Structure No. 91; and 12 Whereas, the Town of Surry is left with no practical means of satisfying the 13 14 requirements of Title 20-A, chapter 103-A and is currently contracting with School Union 15 No. 93 for central office services; and 16 Whereas, compliance with the requirements of Title 20-A, chapter 103-A is not practical for the Town of Surry due to geographic isolation; and 17 18 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within 19 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as 20 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, 21 therefore, 22 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows: Adjustment to membership of School Union No. 93. 23 Sec. 1. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 103-A and Public Law 24 25 2007, chapter 240, Part XXXX, as amended, the Commissioner of Education, upon the 26 submission of a written plan of organization that has been approved by the school boards 27 involved in School Union No. 93 and the school board of the Surry School Department, is 28 authorized to adjust the grouping of school administrative units in School Union No. 93 29 to include the Town of Surry. 30 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this 31 legislation takes effect when approved. **SUMMARY** 32 33 This emergency bill authorizes the Commissioner of Education, upon the submission 34 of a written plan of organization that has been approved by the school boards involved in 35 School Union No. 93 and the school board of the Surry School Department, to adjust the grouping of school administrative units in School Union No. 93 to include the Town of 36 37 Surry.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not

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