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

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

**Whereas,** Public Law 2007, chapter 240, Part XXXX required the reorganization of school administrative units into regional state-approved units of administration and also repealed the provision established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20A, chapter 107 that authorized the Commissioner of Education to combine a member municipality of one school union with another school union; and

**Whereas,** prior to the enactment of Public Law 2007, chapter 240, Part XXXX, the Town of Surry was a member of School Union No. 92; and

**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 Regional School Unit No. 24 or Alternative Organizational Structure No. 91; and

**Whereas,** the Town of Surry is left with no practical means of satisfying the requirements of Title 20A, chapter 103A and is currently contracting with School Union No. 93 for central office services; and

**Whereas,** compliance with the requirements of Title 20A, chapter 103A is not practical for the Town of Surry due to geographic isolation; 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. Adjustment to membership of School Union No. 93.** Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20A, chapter 103A and Public Law 2007, chapter 240, Part XXXX, as amended, the Commissioner of Education, upon the submission of a written plan of organization that has been approved by the school boards involved in School Union No. 93 and the school board of the Surry School Department, is authorized to adjust the grouping of school administrative units in School Union No. 93 to include the Town of Surry.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

### **SUMMARY**

This emergency bill authorizes the Commissioner of Education, upon the submission of a written plan of organization that has been approved by the school boards involved in 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 Surry.