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Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

‘Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §1461, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 240, Pt. XXXX, §13, is amended to read:

5. Referendum on reorganization plan. The municipal officers of each municipality in a proposed reorganized school administrative unit or any approved alternative organizational structure shall place a warrant article substantially as follows on the ballot of a municipal referendum conducted in accordance with the referendum procedures applicable to the school administrative unit of which the municipality is a member.

"Article: Do you favor approving the school administrative reorganization plan prepared by the (insert name) Reorganization Planning Committee to reorganize (insert names of affected school administrative units) into a regional school unit or any approved alternative organizational structure, with an effective date of (insert date)?

Yes No"

The following statement must accompany the article:

"Explanation:

~~A "YES" vote means that you approve of the (municipality or school administrative unit) joining the proposed regional school unit. The financial penalties under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15696 to the existing school administrative units will no longer apply to the proposed regional school unit."~~

SUMMARY

This amendment clarifies that the provisions of the law governing referenda on school reorganization plans apply to any approved alternative organizational structure.