

1 H BILL NO. 489
 2 INTRODUCED BY Edith Waldron Meyer

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 5 DISTRICT VOTED TAX LEVIES TO BE EFFECTIVE FOR 2 YEARS AND
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 7 75-6923, R.C.M. 1947."

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 13 election for authorization to impose. The trustees of any
 14 district may propose to adopt a general fund budget in
 15 excess of the general fund budget amount for such district
 16 as established by the schedule in section 75-6905 for any of
 17 the following purposes:

- 18 (1) building, altering, repairing, or enlarging any
- 19 school house of the district;
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- 21 district;
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- 24 programs of the district.

25 However, when the trustees adopt a total general fund

1 budget which exceeds ~~one-hundred-ten-percent-(110%)~~ of the
 2 general fund budget for the preceding year, they shall file
 3 a notice of this increase with the superintendent of public
 4 instruction, setting forth the specific reasons for
 5 increasing the budget.

6 When the trustees of any district determine that an
 7 additional amount of financing is required for the general
 8 fund budget that is in excess of the statutory schedule
 9 amount, the trustees shall submit the proposition of an
 10 additional levy to raise such excess amount of general fund
 11 financing to the electors who are qualified, under section
 12 75-6410, to vote upon such proposition except that the Twin
 13 Bridges high school district may increase its general fund
 14 budget as established by section 75-6905 ~~R.C.M. 1947~~, by
 15 the amount of tuition paid to the district the previous year
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 17 shall be called and conducted in the manner prescribed by
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 19 election shall state the amount of money to be raised by
 20 additional property taxation, the approximate number of
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 5 which the additional tax levy is made), such additional levy
 6 to be imposed in and effective for (insert number of years
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- 8 FOR the additional levy.
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10 If the election on any additional levy for the general
 11 fund is approved by a majority vote of those electors voting
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 18 special election on the budget form that is submitted to the
 19 county superintendent and the county commissioners shall
 20 levy such number of mills on the taxable value of all
 21 taxable property within the district as prescribed in
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24 Authorization to levy an additional tax under the
 25 provisions of this section shall be effective for only one

1 ~~†† no more than 2~~ school fiscal year years and shall be
 2 authorized by a special election conducted before the first
 3 day of August of the school fiscal year for which it is
 4 effective. Only one such additional levy for the maintenance
 5 and operation of the school programs of a high school
 6 district may be imposed by a high school district in a given
 7 school fiscal year, but this does not prevent such district
 8 from proposing such a levy to be effective for 2 years.

9 The adoption of an additional levy to be effective for
 10 2 years does not prevent the trustees from proposing to
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