

HOUSE BILL NO. 552

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1 ~~Hoyes~~ BILL NO. 552
 2 INTRODUCED BY Worthwell By Amsted Eklund
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 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT THE
 5 BALLOT FOR A PROPOSITION FOR A SCHOOL DISTRICT ADDITIONAL
 6 LEVY STATE THE AMOUNT OF THE TOTAL GENERAL FUND BUDGET AND
 7 THE PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR'S TOTAL GENERAL
 8 FUND BUDGET; AMENDING SECTION 20-9-353, MCA."
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 10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
 11 Section 1. Section 20-9-353, MCA, is amended to read:
 12 "20-9-353. Additional levy for general fund --
 13 election for authorization to impose. (1) The trustees of
 14 any 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 schedules in 20-9-316 through 20-9-321
 17 for any of the following purposes:
 18 (a) building, altering, repairing, or enlarging any
 19 schoolhouse of the district;
 20 (b) furnishing additional school facilities for the
 21 district;
 22 (c) acquisition of land for the district;
 23 (d) proper maintenance and operation of the school
 24 programs of the district.
 25 (2) When the trustees of any district determine that

1 an additional amount of financing is required for the
 2 general fund budget that is in excess of the statutory
 3 schedule amount, the trustees shall submit the proposition
 4 of an additional levy to raise such excess amount of general
 5 fund financing to the electors who are qualified under
 6 20-20-301 to vote upon such proposition except that no
 7 election shall be required to permit the school trustees to
 8 use federal funds received under Title I of Public Law
 9 81-874 to increase the school district's general fund budget
 10 as established in 20-9-316 through 20-9-321 by the amount of
 11 these funds. Such special election shall be called and
 12 conducted in the manner prescribed by this title for school
 13 elections. The ballot for such election shall state the
 14 amount of the total general fund budget, the percentage
 15 change from the previous year's total general fund budget,
 16 the amount of money to be raised by additional property
 17 taxation, the approximate number of mills required to raise
 18 such money, and the purpose for which such money will be
 19 expended, and it shall be in the following format:

PROPOSITION

21 Shall To fund in part a total general fund budget of
 22 (state amount of general fund budget), being a (state
 23 percentage change from the previous year's budget) percent
 24 (state "increase" or "decrease") from the previous year's
 25 total general fund budget, shall a levy be made in addition

1 to the levies authorized by law in such number of mills as
2 may be necessary to raise the sum of (state the amount to be
3 raised by additional tax levy), and being approximately
4 (give number) mills, for the purpose of (insert the purpose
5 for which the additional tax levy is made)?

6 ☐ FOR the additional levy.

7 ☐ AGAINST the additional levy.

8 (3) If the election on any additional levy for the
9 general fund is approved by a majority vote of those
10 electors voting at such election, the proposition shall
11 carry and the trustees may use any portion or all of the
12 authorized amount in adopting the preliminary general fund
13 budget. The trustees shall certify the additional levy
14 amount authorized by such a special election on the budget
15 form that is submitted to the county superintendent, and the
16 county commissioners shall levy such number of mills on the
17 taxable value of all taxable property within the district,
18 as prescribed in 20-9-141, as are required to raise the
19 amount of such additional levy.

20 (4) Authorization to levy an additional tax under the
21 provisions of this section shall be effective for only 1
22 school fiscal year and shall be authorized by a special
23 election conducted before August 1 of the school fiscal year
24 for which it is effective."

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