

HB 479 INTRODUCED BY DEVLIN
LIMIT A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ONLY ONE VOTED LEVY
ELECTION A YEAR

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1 INTRODUCED BY House BILL NO. 479
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO LIMIT A SCHOOL
5 DISTRICT TO ONLY ONE SPECIAL ELECTION A YEAR FOR
6 AUTHORIZATION TO IMPOSE AN ADDITIONAL LEVY FOR THE GENERAL
7 FUND BUDGET; AMENDING SECTION 20-9-353, MCA; PROVIDING
8 AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."
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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.

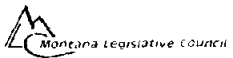
25 (2) When the trustees of any district determine that

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 any funds available to finance the additional amount
9 other than those funds to be raised by the additional levy.
10 Such special election shall be called and conducted in the
11 manner prescribed by this title for school elections. The
12 ballot for such election shall state only the amount of
13 money to be raised by additional property taxation, the
14 approximate number of mills required to raise such money,
15 and the purpose for which such money will be expended, and
16 it shall be in the following format:

17 PROPOSITION

18 Shall a levy be made in addition to the levies
19 authorized by law in such number of mills as may be
20 necessary to raise the sum of (state the amount to be raised
21 by additional tax levy), and being approximately (give
22 number) mills, for the purpose of (insert the purpose for
23 which the additional tax levy is made)?

- 24 FOR the additional levy.
- 25 AGAINST the additional levy.



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

13 (4) Authorization to levy an additional tax under the
14 provisions of this section shall be effective for only 1
15 school fiscal year and shall be authorized by a single
16 special election conducted before August 1 of the school
17 fiscal year for which it is effective."

18 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Effective date. This act is
19 effective on passage and approval.

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