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Introduced by Sen. AKSHAR -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Local Government -- reported favorably from said committee, ordered to first and second report, ordered to a third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the real property tax law, in relation to school district unexpended surplus funds

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 1318 of the real property tax law, 2 as amended by chapter 238 of the laws of 2007, is amended to read as 3 follows:

1. The warrant of the collecting officer shall be signed by the trus-5 tee, or the trustees, or a majority of them, or the board of education or a majority thereof. Such warrant shall state the amount of unexpended surplus funds in the custody of the board and shall further state that 8 except as authorized or required by law, such unexpended surplus funds 9 have been applied in determining the amount of the school tax levy. For 10 the two thousand seven--two thousand eight school year, surplus funds as 11 used in this subdivision shall mean any operating funds in excess of three percent of the current school year budget, and shall not include funds properly retained under other sections of law. For the two thou-13 sand eight--two thousand nine school year[, and thereafter] through the 15 two thousand sixteen -- two thousand seventeen school year, surplus funds 16 as used in this subdivision shall mean any operating funds in excess of 17 four percent of the current school year budget, and shall not include 18 funds properly retained under other sections of law. For the two thou-19 sand seventeen -- two thousand eighteen school year, and thereafter, 20 surplus funds as used in this subdivision shall mean any operating funds 21 in excess of six percent of the current school year budget, and shall 22 not include funds properly retained under other sections of law. Such

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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warrant shall have the same force and effect as a warrant issued by a board of supervisors to a collecting officer in a town. The collecting officer to whom it may be delivered for collection shall be thereby authorized and required to collect from every person named on such school tax roll the sum set opposite his name, or the amount due from any person specified therein, in the same manner and with the same powers that collecting officers in towns are authorized to collect taxes levied by the board of supervisors.

§ 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.