

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. BRESLIN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to limiting the time periods when a special district meeting for the purpose of voting on a school bond may be conducted

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 416 of the education law, as
2 amended by chapter 171 of the laws of 1996, is amended to read as
3 follows:
4 3. No addition to or change of site or purchase of a new site or tax
5 for the purchase of any new site or structure, or for grading or improv-
6 ing a school site, or for the purchase of an addition to the site of any
7 schoolhouse, or for the purchase of lands and buildings for agricul-
8 tural, athletic, playground or social center purposes, or for building
9 any new schoolhouse or for the erection of an addition to any school-
10 house already built, or for the payment or refunding of an outstanding
11 bonded indebtedness, shall be voted at any such meeting in a union free
12 school district or a city school district which conducts annual budget
13 votes in accordance with article forty-one of this chapter pursuant to
14 section twenty-six hundred one-a of this chapter, unless a notice by the
15 board of education stating that such tax will be proposed, and specify-
16 ing the object thereof and the amount to be expended therefor, shall
17 have been given in the manner provided herein for the notice of an annu-
18 al meeting. In a common school district the notice of a special meeting
19 to authorize any of the improvements enumerated in this section shall be
20 given as provided in section two thousand six. The board of education of
21 a union free school district or a city school district which conducts
22 annual budget votes in accordance with article forty-one of this chapter
23 pursuant to section twenty-six hundred one-a of this chapter, may deter-
24 mine that the vote upon any question to be submitted at a special meet-

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

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ing as provided in this section shall be by ballot, in which case it shall state in the notice of such special meeting the hours during which the polls shall be kept open. Printed ballots may be prepared by the board in advance of the meeting and the proposition or propositions called for in the notice of the meeting may be submitted in substantially the same manner as propositions to be voted upon at a general election. No school district in the state, however, shall conduct a special district meeting for the purpose of voting on a school bond, as authorized in this section, between the general election through March first of the following year and between the fourth Wednesday in June through the first Monday in September.

§ 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.