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Introduced by M. of A. MILLER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Libraries and Education Technology

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to propositions for increased funding for libraries

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Subparagraph 1 of paragraph b of subdivision 1 of section 259 of the education law, as amended by chapter 184 of the laws of 2007, is amended to read as follows:

(1) Except as provided in subparagraph two of this paragraph, whenever qualified voters of a municipality, in a number equal to at least ten per centum of the total number of votes cast in such municipality for governor at the last gubernatorial election, shall so petition and the library board of trustees shall endorse, the question of establishing or increasing the amount of funding of the annual contribution for the operating budget of a registered public or free association library by such municipality to a sum specified in said petition, shall be voted on at the next general election of such municipality, provided that due public notice of the proposed action shall have been given AND THAT ANY SUCH PROPOSITION SHALL STATE THAT THE INCREASED FUNDING IS FOR A PERIOD OF TIME NOT GREATER THAN TWO YEARS WITH THE SPECIFIC PERIOD OF TIME SO STATED. An increase in library funding provided pursuant to this paragraph shall not apply to a municipal budget adopted prior to the date of such election. AN INCREASE IN LIBRARY FUNDING APPROVED IN THIS MANNER MAY, AFTER A PERIOD OF AT LEAST ONE YEAR, BE ALTERED BY ACTION OF TWO-THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNING BOARD AND MAY, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE ENTIRE MUNICIPAL GOVERNING BOARD MINUS ONE VOTE, BE REDUCED TO THE MINIMAL OPERATING BUDGET AS DEFINED BY FIXED AND CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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