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Introduced by M. of A. JAFFEE, CAHILL, DAVILA, CROUCH, GOODELL, STECK,  
GOTTFRIED, BLAKE, KEARNS, JEAN-PIERRE, ABINANTI, RIVERA, LIFTON, JENNE  
-- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. BLANKENBUSH, MAGEE, SIMON, SOLAGES  
-- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to school district tax  
levies

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 6 of section 2023-a of the education law, as  
2 added by section 2 of part A of chapter 97 of the laws of 2011, is  
3 amended to read as follows:

4 6. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, in  
5 the event the trustee, trustees or board of education of a school  
6 district that is subject to the provisions of this section proposes a  
7 budget that will require a tax levy that exceeds the tax levy limit for  
8 the corresponding school year, not including any levy necessary to  
9 support the expenditures pursuant to subparagraphs (i) through (iv) of  
10 paragraph i of subdivision two of this section, then such budget shall  
11 be approved if [~~sixty-percent~~] a majority of the votes cast thereon are  
12 in the affirmative.

13 (b) Where the trustee, trustees or board of education proposes a budg-  
14 et subject to the requirements of paragraph (a) of this subdivision, the  
15 ballot for such budget shall include the following statement in substan-  
16 tially the same form: "Adoption of this budget requires a tax levy  
17 increase of which exceeds the statutory tax levy increase limit  
18 of for this school fiscal year and therefore exceeds the state tax  
19 cap and must be approved by [~~sixty-percent~~] a majority of the qualified  
20 voters present and voting."

21 § 2. Subdivision 9 of section 2023-a of the education law, as added by  
22 section 2 of part A of chapter 97 of the laws of 2011, is amended to  
23 read as follows:

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

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1 9. Nothing in this section shall preclude the trustee, trustees, or  
2 board of education of a school district, in their discretion, from  
3 submitting additional items of expenditures to the voters for approval  
4 as separate propositions or the voters from submitting propositions  
5 pursuant to sections two thousand eight and two thousand thirty-five of  
6 this part; provided however, except in the case of a proposition submit-  
7 ted for any expenditure contained within subparagraphs (i) through (iv)  
8 of paragraph i of subdivision two of this section, if any proposition,  
9 or propositions collectively that are subject to a vote on the same  
10 date, would require an expenditure of money that would require a tax  
11 levy and would result in the tax levy limit being exceeded for the  
12 corresponding school year then such proposition shall be approved if  
13 [~~sixty percent~~] a majority of the votes cast thereon are in the affirma-  
14 tive.

15 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that  
16 the amendments to section 2023-a of the education law made by sections  
17 one and two of this act shall not affect the repeal of such section and  
18 shall expire and be deemed repealed therewith.