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Introduced by M. of A. McDONALD, D'URSO, MONTESANO, BYRNE, LAWRENCE, GALEF, FAHY -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. BARCLAY, BLANKENBUSH, THIELE -- read once and referred 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:

Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 416 of the education law, as amended by chapter 171 of the laws of 1996, is amended to read as follows:

3. No addition to or change of site or purchase of a new site or tax for the purchase of any new site or structure, or for grading or improving a school site, or for the purchase of an addition to the site of any schoolhouse, or for the purchase of lands and buildings for agricultural, athletic, playground or social center purposes, or for building any new schoolhouse or for the erection of an addition to any schoolhouse already built, or for the payment or refunding of an outstanding bonded indebtedness, shall be voted at any such meeting in a union free school district or a city school district which conducts annual budget votes in accordance with article forty-one of this chapter pursuant to section twenty-six hundred one-a of this chapter, unless a notice by the board of education stating that such tax will be proposed, and specifying the object thereof and the amount to be expended therefor, shall have been given in the manner provided herein for the notice of an annual meeting. In a common school district the notice of a special meeting to authorize any of the improvements enumerated in this section shall be given as provided in section two thousand six. The board of education of a union free school district or a city school district which conducts annual budget votes in accordance with article forty-one of this chapter pursuant to section twenty-six hundred one-a of this chapter, may deter-

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

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mine that the vote upon any question to be submitted at a special meeting 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, 2020.