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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to voting to approve school budgets that exceed the tax levy limits for the corresponding school year

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

Section 1. Subdivisions 6 and 9 of section 2023-a of the education law, as added by section 2 of part A of chapter 97 of the laws of 2011, are amended to read as follows:

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

(b) Where the trustee, trustees or board of education proposes a budget subject to the requirements of paragraph (a) of this subdivision, the ballot for such budget shall include the following statement in substantially the same form: "Adoption of this budget requires a tax levy increase of which exceeds the statutory tax levy increase limit of for this school fiscal year and therefore exceeds the state tax cap and must be approved by sixty percent **of the trustee, trustees or board of education members and fifty percent** of the qualified voters present and voting."

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

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9. Nothing in this section shall preclude the trustee, trustees, or board of education of a school district, in their discretion, from submitting additional items of expenditures to the voters for approval as separate propositions or the voters from submitting propositions pursuant to sections two thousand eight and two thousand thirty-five of this part; provided however, except in the case of a proposition submitted for any expenditure contained within subparagraphs (i) through (iv) of paragraph i of subdivision two of this section, if any proposition, or propositions collectively that are subject to a vote on the same date, would require an expenditure of money that would require a tax levy and would result in the tax levy limit being exceeded for the corresponding school year then such proposition shall be approved if sixty percent of the votes cast thereon **of the trustee, trustees or board of education members** are in the affirmative.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that the amendments to subdivisions 6 and 9 of section 2023-a of the education law made by section one of this act shall not affect the repeal of such section and shall be deemed repealed therewith.