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Overview

The legislature first granted school boards authority to levy for certain accessibility projects in 1991. Subsequent changes were made to the statute, but the total maximum levy authority per district remained unchanged at \$300,000 per district. The money is required to be used either to remove architectural access barriers from a building or to make fire safety modifications required by the fire inspector. A district was given authority to levy the total \$300,000 over an eight-year period. The eight-year period begins when the district first certifies a levy for the program. Most school districts used all of the authority during the first few years after the levy was authorized. However, some districts did not use the full amount of their levy during the eight-year period. It appears that roughly 100 school districts used some, but not all, of their authority before it expired.

This bill extends the timelines for Independent School District No. 857, Lewiston-Altura, and authorizes the district to levy its unused authority of \$215,000 over five or fewer years.

- 1 Disability access levy; Lewiston-Altura.** Extends the timeline for Independent School District No. 857, Lewiston-Altura, to levy its unused disability access authority of \$215,000 for another five years.