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Overview

The referendum revenue program, often referred to as the operating referendum levy or the excess levy referendum, is a mechanism that allows a school district to obtain voter approval to increase its revenue. Under current law, the board must seek approval of a specific dollar amount per pupil and the term of the referendum may not exceed ten years.

This bill authorizes a school board to renew an expiring operating referendum for the same amount by school board action.

Section

1 Renewal by school board. Authorizes a school board to renew an expiring operating referendum by adoption of a written resolution if the renewal is sought for the same dollar amount and term as the expiring referendum.