

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
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INTRODUCED BY McCLATCHY, VROON, MCGINNIS, PITTS AND WILSON,
JUNE 21, 1976

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JUNE 21, 1976

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the
5 laws relating thereto," providing for a referendum on the
6 school budget.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known
10 as the "Public School Code of 1949," is amended by adding a
11 subdivision to read:

12 (g) Budget Referendum.

13 Section 696. Referendum.--At the primary or general election
14 immediately preceding the next fiscal year of the school
15 district, the board of school directors shall determine the will
16 of the electorate with respect to the adoption of the school
17 budget for the next fiscal year.

18 The question shall be in substantially the following form:

1 Do you favor the proposed Yes
2 school budget for the fiscal
3 year 19 to 19 ? No

4 In case of a tie vote or if a majority of the electors voting
5 on the question vote "yes," the board of school directors may
6 adopt the budget. If a majority vote "no," the board shall not
7 have power to adopt a final budget, but shall, at least monthly,
8 submit a budget to the electorate in special elections until a
9 "yes" vote is obtained.

10 The budget finally adopted shall not, during the fiscal year,
11 exceed the total sum in the budget submitted to and receiving
12 the affirmative vote of the electors.

13 The board of school directors shall submit the school budget
14 to the county board of elections at least sixty (60) days before
15 the primary or general election preceding the next fiscal year
16 of the school district.

17 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.