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TO: All Senators

FROM: Senator Kim Ward 

SUBJECT: Co-Sponsorship Memo – **Voter Referendums – MEMO # 26**

In the near future, I plan to introduce legislation that will permit local and county governments throughout the Commonwealth to utilize general voter referendums.

Currently, there are few special circumstances where local governments can put measures on the ballot for voter approval or denial. Beyond increased debt proposals, and special legislative provisions, these local governments do not have the ability to seek the will of the populace in large scale projects or measures.

My legislation would broaden the ability of local governments to use voter referendums on items like tax increases, capital projects, and ordinances.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Vicki Wilken, Esq. in my office at 717-787-6063 or by email at vwilken@pasen.gov.

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