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**A BILL**

To authorize a joint vocational school district to  
submit the question of a renewal tax levy to  
voters who did not have an opportunity to vote  
on the levy at an election held in November of  
2015 because the levy was only placed on the  
ballot in one of several counties in which the  
district has territory and to declare an  
emergency.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** (A) This section applies to a joint vocational  
school district that meets all of the following criteria:

(1) The territory of the district includes all or a  
portion of the territory of two or more counties.

(2) In 2015, the board of education of the district  
proposed to renew one or more existing tax levies that ceased to  
be collected in 2016.

(3) The question of the renewal levy was placed on the  
November 2015 ballot only in the county in which the majority of  
the electors of the district reside, and not in any other county

in which district electors reside. 19

(B) The board of education of the joint vocational school 20  
district to which this section applies may adopt a resolution 21  
declaring that the question of the renewal levy described in 22  
division (A) of this section shall be submitted to the district 23  
electors who reside in counties in which the question was not 24  
placed on the ballot in 2015. The question may be placed on the 25  
ballot at a general or special election to be held at a time 26  
specified in the resolution. The resolution shall include, with 27  
respect to that levy, the same purpose, the same rate expressed 28  
in both mills for each dollar and dollars for each one hundred 29  
dollars of valuation, and the same term of years as the 30  
resolution proposing the question of the renewal levy placed on 31  
the November 2015 ballot. 32

The resolution shall go into immediate effect upon its 33  
passage, and no publication of the resolution shall be necessary 34  
other than that provided for in the notice of election. A copy 35  
of the resolution shall immediately after its passage be 36  
certified to the boards of elections of the proper counties in 37  
the manner provided by sections 3311.21 and 5705.25 of the 38  
Revised Code, notwithstanding any provision of section 5705.03 39  
of the Revised Code. Those sections shall govern the 40  
arrangements for the submission of such question and other 41  
matters concerning the election to which those sections refer, 42  
including publication of notice of the election, except that the 43  
election shall be held on the date specified in the resolution. 44  
Notwithstanding section 3501.17 of the Revised Code, the board 45  
of education of the district shall not be required to pay its 46  
pro rata share of the cost of the election. 47

The form of the ballot shall be substantially identical to 48

the form of the ballot used at the election held in 2015 and 49  
shall include the same purpose, the same rate expressed in both 50  
mills for each dollar and dollars for each one hundred dollars 51  
of valuation, and the same term of years as the question of the 52  
renewal levy placed on the November 2015 ballot. 53

The results of the election authorized by this section 54  
shall be added to the results of the election held in November 55  
of 2015. If a majority of all of the electors in the district 56  
voted in favor of the question, the levy shall be considered as 57  
"authorized to be levied" in the district under section 319.301 58  
of the Revised Code, shall be considered a "qualifying levy" 59  
under section 319.302 of the Revised Code, and shall be placed 60  
on the appropriate tax lists of the current year as a renewal 61  
levy. The board of elections of the county in which a majority 62  
of the district's electors reside shall certify the results to 63  
the tax commissioner and to the board of education, which shall 64  
forthwith make the necessary levy and certify it to the county 65  
auditor, who shall extend it on the tax list for the current 66  
year. After the first year, the levy shall be included in the 67  
annual tax budget that is certified to the county budget 68  
commission. 69

**Section 2.** This act is hereby declared to be an emergency 70  
measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public 71  
peace, health, and safety. The reason for such necessity is that 72  
the joint vocational school district to which this act applies 73  
must be able to place a levy on the ballot as originally 74  
intended and voted upon in 2015 without facing additional cost 75  
or loss of revenue. Therefore, this act shall go into immediate 76  
effect. 77