



S.F. No. 2713 – Referendum school board renewal provisions (as proposed to be amended by the A-2 delete-everything amendment)

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Section 1. Consolidation; maximum authorized referendum revenues. Provides that the referendum authority recalculated for a consolidated school district upon its consolidation may be renewed by the school board of the newly created district under 126C.17, subdivision 9b.

Sec. 2. Alternative method. Provides that the referendum authority adopted in the consolidation plan for a consolidated school district may be renewed by the school board of the newly created district under 126C.17, subdivision 9b.

Sec. 3. Renewal by school board. Clarifies the time period during which a school board may adopt a resolution to renew an expiring voter-approved operating referendum. The bill clarifies that the renewal period is a continuous period of time that begins July 1 of the second fiscal year prior to the last fiscal year of the expiring referendum and extends until June 15 of the fiscal year prior to the last year of the expiring referendum. The bill requires that a district renewing a referendum submit a copy of the adopted resolution to the commissioner of education and to the county auditor no later than August 15 of the last fiscal year of the expiring referendum.

For example, for an existing referendum that last provides revenue in fiscal year 2026, the window for a board to adopt a renewal resolution would begin July 1, 2023, and end June 15, 2025. The district would be required to submit a copy of the adopted resolution to the commissioner and to the county no later than August 15, 2025.

EFFECTIVE DATES. All sections of the bill are effective retroactively from June 16, 2024, and apply to school board renewal resolutions adopted on or after that date.

