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Introduction and first reading
 Referred to Education Finance
 See See First Special Session, HF5

OFFICIAL STATUS

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to education finance; clarifying the requirements for school board renewal
- 1.3 of an expiring referendum; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 126C.17,
- 1.4 subdivision 9b.
- 1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 126C.17, subdivision 9b, is amended to read:
- 1.7 Subd. 9b. **Renewal by school board.** (a) Notwithstanding the election requirements of
- 1.8 subdivision 9, a school board may renew an expiring referendum by board action if:
- 1.9 (1) the per pupil amount of the referendum is the same as the amount expiring, or for
- 1.10 an expiring referendum that was adjusted annually by the rate of inflation, the same as the
- 1.11 per pupil amount of the expiring referendum, adjusted annually for inflation in the same
- 1.12 manner as if the expiring referendum had continued;
- 1.13 (2) the term of the renewed referendum is no longer than the initial term approved by
- 1.14 the voters;
- 1.15 (3) the school board, having taken a recorded vote, has adopted a written resolution
- 1.16 authorizing the renewal after holding a meeting and allowing public testimony on the
- 1.17 proposed renewal; and
- 1.18 (4) the expiring referendum has not been previously renewed under this subdivision.
- 1.19 (b) The resolution must be adopted by the school board by on or after July 1 of the
- 1.20 second fiscal year prior to the fiscal year in which the referendum expires, but no later than
- 1.21 June 15 of any calendar year and the fiscal year prior to the fiscal year in which the
- 1.22 referendum expires. The resolution becomes effective 60 days after its adoption.

2.1 (c) A referendum expires in the last fiscal year in which the referendum generates revenue
2.2 for the school district. ~~A school board may renew an expiring referendum under this~~
2.3 ~~subdivision not more than two fiscal years before the referendum expires.~~

2.4 (d) A district renewing an expiring referendum under this subdivision must submit a
2.5 copy of the adopted resolution to the commissioner and to the county auditor no later than
2.6 ~~September 1~~ August 15 of the ~~calendar year in which the written resolution is adopted~~ fiscal
2.7 year prior to the fiscal year in which the referendum expires.

2.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from June 16, 2024, and
2.9 applies to school board resolutions adopted on or after that date.