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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 392

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Finance

- 1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education finance; authorizing a school district to renew an expiring
1.3 referendum by action of the school board for up to five years; amending
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 126C.17, by adding a subdivision.
- 1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 126C.17, is amended by adding a
1.7 subdivision to read:
- 1.8 Subd. 9b. **Renewal by school board.** (a) Notwithstanding the election requirements
1.9 of subdivision 9, a school board may renew an expiring referendum by board action if:
1.10 (1) the per pupil amount of the referendum is the same as the amount expiring;
1.11 (2) the term of the renewed referendum is no longer than five years; and
1.12 (3) the school board has adopted a written resolution authorizing the renewal after
1.13 holding a meeting and allowing public testimony on the proposed renewal.
- 1.14 (b) The resolution must be adopted by the school board by June 15 of any calendar
1.15 year and becomes effective 60 days after its adoption.
- 1.16 (c) A referendum expires in the last fiscal year in which the referendum generates
1.17 revenue for the school district. A school board may renew an expiring referendum under
1.18 this subdivision not more than two fiscal years before the referendum expires.
- 1.19 (d) A district renewing an expiring referendum under this subdivision must submit a
1.20 copy of the adopted resolution to the commissioner and to the county auditor no later than
1.21 September 1 of the calendar year in which the levy is to be certified.
- 1.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2015.