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A bill for an act

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relating to education; authorizing school districts to renew expiring referendums

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by action of school board; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 126C.17,

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by adding a subdivision.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 126C.17, is amended by adding a subdivision

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to read:

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Subd. 9b. **Renewal by school board.** (a) Notwithstanding the election requirements of

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subdivision 9, a school board may renew an expiring referendum by board action if:

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(1) the per-pupil amount of the referendum is the same as the amount expiring, or for

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an expiring referendum that was adjusted annually by the rate of inflation, the same as the

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per-pupil amount of the expiring referendum, adjusted annually for inflation in the same

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manner as if the expiring referendum had continued;

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(2) the term of the renewed referendum is no longer than the initial term approved by

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the voters; and

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(3) the school board has adopted a written resolution authorizing the renewal after holding

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a meeting and allowing public testimony on the proposed renewal.

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(b) The resolution must be adopted by the school board by June 15 of any calendar year

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and becomes effective 60 days after its adoption.

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(c) A referendum expires in the last fiscal year in which the referendum generates revenue

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for the school district. A school board may renew an expiring referendum under this

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subdivision not more than two fiscal years before the referendum expires.

- 2.1 (d) A district renewing an expiring referendum under this subdivision must submit a
2.2 copy of the adopted resolution to the commissioner and to the county auditor no later than
2.3 September 1 of the calendar year in which the levy is certified.
- 2.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2021.