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A BILL

To authorize a joint vocational school district to 1
submit the question of a renewal tax levy to 2
voters who did not have an opportunity to vote 3
on the levy at an election held in November of 4
2015 because the levy was only placed on the 5
ballot in one of several counties in which the 6
district has territory. 7

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

Section 1. (A) This section applies to a joint vocational 8
school district that meets all of the following criteria: 9

(1) The territory of the district includes all or a 10
portion of the territory of two or more counties. 11

(2) In 2015, the board of education of the district 12
proposed to renew one or more existing tax levies that ceased to 13
be collected in 2016. 14

(3) The question of the renewal levy was placed on the 15
November 2015 ballot only in the county in which the majority of 16
the electors of the district reside, and not in any other county 17
in which district electors reside. 18

(B) The board of education of the joint vocational school district to which this section applies may adopt a resolution declaring that the question of the renewal levy described in division (A) of this section shall be submitted to the district electors who were eligible to cast a ballot in the election of November 2015 and who reside in counties in which the question was not placed on the ballot in 2015. The question may be placed on the ballot at a general or special election to be held at a time specified in the resolution.

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

The form of the ballot shall be substantially identical to the form of the ballot used at the election held in 2015.

The results of the election authorized by this section shall be added to the results of the election held in November of 2015. If a majority of all of the electors in the district voted in favor of the question, the levy shall be considered as

"authorized to be levied" in the district under section 319.301 49
of the Revised Code, shall be considered a "qualifying levy" 50
under section 319.302 of the Revised Code, and shall be placed 51
on the appropriate tax lists of the current year as a renewal 52
levy. The board of elections of the county in which a majority 53
of the district's electors reside shall certify the results to 54
the tax commissioner and to the board of education, which shall 55
forthwith make the necessary levy and certify it to the county 56
auditor, who shall extend it on the tax lists for collection 57
effective in the year the results of the election are certified. 58
After the first year, the levy shall be included in the annual 59
tax budget that is certified to the county budget commission. 60