

.2444 on each one hundred dollars (\$100) of net assessed valuation and that is in addition to all other property tax levies imposed by Zionsville Community Schools?

Compliance of Language

9. The Department must review the proposed language for compliance with IC 20-46-1-10. The Department may either approve or reject the language. The Department concludes that the language is **not** in compliance with IC 20-46-1-10 for the following reasons:
- (a) The proposed question lacks a "short description of purposes" as required by statute.
 - (b) The proposed question does not express the tax rate as contemplated by statute ("_____ (insert amount) cents (\$0.____)") and the proposed question adds the term "net."
 - (c) The proposed question's inclusion of the term "continue" is not appropriate here. Although the Corporation cites to the School City of Beech Grove's 2015 referendum question as justification for using this term, the Beech Grove situation differed in that Beech Grove was proposing to repeal its current operating referendum a year early and begin the new referendum in the old one's place. For Beech Grove, the term "continue" was helpful in clarifying to voters that the referendum on the ballot would not be in addition to the current referendum. Here, the Corporation's current operating referendum will automatically expire at the end of 2015 and before the proposed referendum would take effect. Thus, "continue" is not appropriate here and its inclusion might only serve to mislead voters.

Final Determination

WHEREFORE, based on the above findings and applicable law, the Department finds that the proposed language is **not** in compliance with IC 20-46-1-10 and disapproves the language as proposed.

Dated this 11th day of June, 2015.

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Courtney L. Schaafsma, Commissioner
Department of Local Government Finance

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I, Michael E. Duffy, General Counsel for the Department of Local Government Finance, hereby certify that the above is an order of the Commissioner of the Department of Local Government Finance made this date in the above-entitled matter and that the Commissioner has personally signed the same under her statutory authority.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL of the Commissioner on this the 11th day of June, 2015.



Michael E. Duffy, General Counsel
Department of Local Government Finance