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# HOUSE BILL No. 1333

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 6-1.1-18.5-10.3; IC 36-12-17.

**Synopsis:** Operating referenda for libraries. Provides that a public library located in Marion County may hold a referendum to increase its property tax levy if the board of the public library determines that: (1) the public library will be unable to carry out its duties under the law unless the public library imposes a referendum property tax levy; or (2) the public library should impose a referendum property tax levy to replace property tax revenues lost by operation of the circuit breaker tax credit. Provides that the additional rate of the referendum tax levy and the number of calendar years for which the referendum tax levy will be imposed must be specified in the public question put to the voters.

**Effective:** Upon passage; July 1, 2011.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 6-1.1-18.5-10.3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.146-2008,  
2 SECTION 176, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 10.3. (a) This subsection does not  
4 apply to property taxes first due and payable after December 31, 2008.  
5 The ad valorem property tax levy limits imposed by section 3 of this  
6 chapter do not apply to ad valorem property taxes imposed by a library  
7 board for a capital projects fund under IC 36-12-12. However, the  
8 maximum amount that is exempt from the levy limits under this section  
9 may not exceed the property taxes that would be raised in the ensuing  
10 calendar year with a property tax rate of one and thirty-three  
11 hundredths cents (\$0.0133) per one hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed  
12 valuation.

13 (b) This subsection does not apply to property taxes first due and  
14 payable after December 31, 2008. For purposes of computing the ad  
15 valorem property tax levy limit imposed on a library board under  
16 section 3 of this chapter, the library board's ad valorem property tax  
17 levy for a particular calendar year does not include that part of the levy



1 imposed under IC 36-12-12 that is exempt from the ad valorem  
2 property tax levy limits under subsection (a).

3 **(c) The ad valorem property tax limits imposed by section 3 of**  
4 **this chapter do not apply to ad valorem property taxes imposed by**  
5 **a library board for a referendum tax levy authorized under**  
6 **IC 36-12-17.**

7 **(d) For purposes of computing the ad valorem property tax levy**  
8 **limit imposed on a library board by section 3 of this chapter, the**  
9 **library board's ad valorem property tax levy for a particular**  
10 **calendar year does not include that part of the levy imposed under**  
11 **IC 36-12-17.**

12 SECTION 2. IC 36-12-17 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
13 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
14 UPON PASSAGE]:

15 **Chapter 17. Referendum Tax Levy**

16 **Sec. 1. This chapter applies only to a public library whose**  
17 **library district lies entirely within Marion County.**

18 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "fund" refers to a referendum**  
19 **tax levy fund established under section 17 of this chapter.**

20 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "levy" refers to the property tax**  
21 **levy imposed under this chapter.**

22 **Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "referendum" refers to a**  
23 **referendum under this chapter.**

24 **Sec. 5. Notwithstanding IC 6-1.1-20.6-9.5(b), if a majority of the**  
25 **individuals who vote in a referendum that is conducted in**  
26 **accordance with this chapter approve the public question**  
27 **submitted to the voters, a public library may impose a referendum**  
28 **tax levy for the public library's fund for the duration specified in**  
29 **the public question at a rate that does not exceed the maximum**  
30 **property tax rate specified in the public question.**

31 **Sec. 6. (a) Subject to this chapter, the library board of a public**  
32 **library may adopt a resolution to place a question in the form set**  
33 **forth in section 7 of this chapter on the ballot for either of the**  
34 **following purposes:**

35 **(1) The library board of the public library determines that it**  
36 **cannot, in a calendar year, carry out its duties under this**  
37 **article unless it imposes a referendum tax levy under this**  
38 **chapter.**

39 **(2) The library board of the public library determines that a**  
40 **referendum tax levy under this chapter should be imposed to**  
41 **replace property tax revenue that the public library will not**  
42 **receive because of the application of the credit under**

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**IC 6-1.1-20.6.**

**(b) The library board of the public library shall certify a copy of the resolution to the department of local government finance and the fiscal body of Marion County.**

**Sec. 7. The question to be submitted to the voters in the referendum must read as follows:**

**"For the \_\_ (insert number) calendar year or years immediately following the holding of the referendum, shall the public library impose a property tax rate that does not exceed \_\_\_\_\_ (insert amount) cents (\$0. \_\_) (insert amount) on each one hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed valuation and that is in addition to all other property tax levies imposed by the public library?"**

**Sec. 8. The voters in a referendum may not approve a levy that is imposed for more than seven (7) years. However, a levy may be reimposed or extended under this chapter.**

**Sec. 9. If a library board adopts a resolution under section 6 of this chapter, the county fiscal body must under IC 3-10-9-3 certify the question to be voted on at the referendum to the county election board of Marion County.**

**Sec. 10. The county clerk shall, upon receiving the question certified by the county fiscal body under this chapter, call a meeting of the county election board to make arrangements for the referendum.**

**Sec. 11. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), a referendum under this chapter shall be held in the next primary election, general election, or municipal election after certification of the question under IC 3-10-9-3, and the certification of the question must occur not later than:**

- (1) noon on the date sixty (60) days before the date of the primary election, if the question is to be placed on the primary or municipal primary election ballot; or**
- (2) noon on August 1, if the question is to be placed on the general or municipal election ballot.**

**(b) If:**

- (1) a primary election, general election, or municipal election will not be held during the first year in which the public question is eligible to be placed on the ballot under this chapter; and**
- (2) the public library requests the public question to be placed on the ballot at a special election;**

**the public question shall be placed on the ballot at a special election**

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1 to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May or  
2 November of the year.

3 (c) In the case of a public question placed on the ballot at a  
4 special election under subsection (b), notwithstanding IC 3-10-9-3,  
5 the certification of the question must occur not later than:

- 6 (1) noon on the date sixty (60) days before the date of the
- 7 special election, if the special election is to be held in May; or
- 8 (2) noon on August 1, if the special election is to be held in
- 9 November.

10 (d) If the referendum is not conducted at a primary election,  
11 general election, or municipal election, the public library for which  
12 the referendum is to be held shall pay all the costs of holding the  
13 referendum.

14 Sec. 12. The county election board shall cause:

- 15 (1) the question certified to the circuit court clerk by the
- 16 county fiscal body to be placed on the ballot in the form
- 17 prescribed by section 7 of this chapter and IC 3-10-9-4; and
- 18 (2) an adequate supply of ballots and voting equipment to be
- 19 delivered to the precinct election board of each precinct in
- 20 which the referendum is to be held.

21 Sec. 13. The individuals entitled to vote in the referendum are  
22 all of the registered voters resident in the library district of the  
23 public library for which the referendum is being held.

24 Sec. 14. Each precinct election board shall count the affirmative  
25 votes and the negative votes cast in the referendum and shall  
26 certify those two (2) totals to the county election board. The circuit  
27 court clerk shall, immediately after the votes cast in the  
28 referendum have been counted, certify the results of the  
29 referendum to the county fiscal body. Upon receiving the  
30 certification of all the votes cast in the referendum, the county  
31 fiscal body shall promptly certify the result of the referendum to  
32 the department of local government finance. If a majority of the  
33 individuals who voted in the referendum voted "yes" on the  
34 referendum question, the county fiscal body shall promptly notify  
35 the public library that:

- 36 (1) the public library is authorized to collect, for the calendar
- 37 year that next follows the calendar year in which the
- 38 referendum is held, a levy at a rate not greater than the rate
- 39 approved in the referendum; and
- 40 (2) the levy may be imposed for the number of calendar years
- 41 approved by the voters, beginning with the calendar year that
- 42 next follows the calendar year in which the referendum is

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**Sec. 15. A public library's levy under this chapter is in addition to and may not be considered in the determination of:**

- (1) any other property tax levy imposed by the public library;**
- and**
- (2) any distribution of excise or income tax revenue to which the public library is otherwise entitled.**

**A public library's levy under this chapter is not subject to reduction or modification under IC 36-3-6-9 or any other law.**

**Sec. 16. If a majority of the persons who voted in the referendum did not vote "yes" on the referendum question:**

- (1) the public library may not make any levy for its referendum tax levy fund; and**
- (2) another referendum under this section may not be held for one (1) year after the date of the referendum.**

**Sec. 17. (a) The library board of each public library for which a levy is approved under this chapter shall establish a referendum tax levy fund.**

- (b) Property tax collections from a levy authorized by this chapter shall be deposited in the fund.**
- (c) Money in the fund:**
  - (1) may be used for any lawful public library expenses; and**
  - (2) must be budgeted and expended in the manner required by law.**

**SECTION 3. An emergency is declared for this act.**

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