

### Fiscal Estimate - 2011 Session

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<b>LRB Number</b> 11-3037/2	<b>Introduction Number</b> AB-0555
<b>Description</b> The scheduling of referenda to approve school district borrowing or exceed a school district's revenue limit	
<b>Fiscal Effect</b>	
<b>State:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	
<b>Local:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs      3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <b>5. Types of Local Government Units Affected</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Towns <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Village <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cities 2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs      4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts	
<b>Fund Sources Affected</b> <b>Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations</b> <input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS	
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## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, with certain exceptions, if a school board wishes to borrow money or exceed the revenue limit otherwise applicable to the school district, it must obtain the approval of the school district's electors at a referendum. A referendum authorizing borrowing may be held at a special election called for that purpose, or at the next regularly scheduled primary or election held not earlier than 45 days after adopting the borrowing resolution. Similarly, a referendum to exceed the district's revenue limit may be held at a special election or at the next succeeding spring primary or election or partisan primary (held in August) or election held not earlier than 70 days after the resolution to exceed the limit is filed.

This bill provides that a referendum authorizing borrowing must be submitted to the electors of the school district at the next regularly scheduled primary or election held not earlier than 70 days after the adoption of the resolution, with one exception. If the school board determines that an emergency project is necessary as a result of unforeseen circumstances that occurred since 70 days before the most recent regularly scheduled primary or election and that cannot wait to be addressed until the next regularly scheduled primary or election, the school board may call a special election for the purpose of submitting the resolution to the electors.

The bill also provides that a referendum authorizing a school board to exceed the district's revenue limit must be submitted to the electors of the school district at the next succeeding partisan primary or general election (in an even-numbered year) or at a special election held on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November in an odd-numbered year.

State: There will be no state fiscal effect.

Local: District and municipalities' costs for holding referendum should be lower by an indeterminate amount since they either will not have to incur the additional costs of holding a special election (unless an emergency arises and the school board votes to hold a special election) or will be limited to one in odd-numbered years.

It is not possible to predict whether this bill will cause a higher or lower percentage of school district referenda to be approved. Therefore, it is not possible to predict whether this bill will have any impact on school district borrowing costs or operating budgets subject to approval at referendum.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications