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"COMMITTEE AMENDMENT"A"to H.P. 1909, L.D. 1970, Bill, "AN ACT to Provide for Alternative Election Procedures for School Budgets on a Local Basis."

Amend the bill in section 2, in that part designated "<u>§226-A.</u>" in subsection 3 by striking out in the first sentence the following: "<u>Whenever</u>" and inserting in its place the following: '<u>Except as</u> provided in subsection 4, whenever'

Further amend the bill in section 2, in that part designated "\$226-A." by inserting after subsection 3 the following:

'4. Failure to approve operating budget. If at any district budget meeting where the voting is done within each municipality within the district, the voters fail to approve the operating school budget or any part thereof, subsequent district budget meetings shall be held — and the voting at these meetings shall be done at a single place within the district. These meetings shall be held solely for the purpose of approving an alternate operating school budget to replace the proposed budget or the part thereof which the voters failed to approve. These meetings shall be held in accordance with the provisions and procedures set out in section 226 and may continue in this manner until an alternate budget is adopted.'

Further amend the bill in section 2, subsection 5, by striking out the headnote and inserting in its place the following:

'5. Petition for district level voting.'

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Further amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated "\$226-A." by renumbering the subsections to read consecutively.

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to provide that if the voters, voting at the local level on an operating school budget, fail to accept the budget or any part thereof, further meetings may be held at the district level to determine alternatives to the portions of the budget which were not approved.

Reported by the Minority of the Committee on Education.

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