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SENATE, No. 456

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
209th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2000 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Senator JOHN A. GIRGENTI

District 35 (Passaic)

Senator JOSEPH A. PALAIA

District 11 (Monmouth)

SYNOPSIS

Permits regional school boards to provide voters with information on the ballot as to the constituent municipality's share of district's budget.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



S456 GIRGENTI, PALAIA

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2 N.J.S.18A:13-17 and P.L.1995, c.278.

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18 (C.18A:7F-5) and N.J.S.18A:22-33.
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15 ballot to be voted upon at that election.

16 (cf: P.L.1995, c.278, s.9)

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18 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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23 This bill would permit the board of education of a regional school
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SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 456

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 8, 2000

The Senate Education Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 456.

This bill would permit the board of education of a regional school district to include on the ballot at the annual school election or any special school election the amount of money which is the constituent municipality's share of the total moneys to be raised for the support of the regional schools of the district. Including this information for voters in a constituent municipality would make clear to those voters the exact amount of taxes that the constituent municipality would be required to raise to support the regional school district budget.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2000 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 456

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 7, 2000

The Assembly Education Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 456.

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As reported by committee, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 2684.

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Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblymen Gregg and Garrett

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(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/30/2001)

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ASSEMBLY, No. 2684

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 209th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JULY 13, 2000

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman GUY R. GREGG

District 24 (Sussex, Hunterdon and Morris)

Assemblyman E. SCOTT GARRETT

District 24 (Sussex, Hunterdon and Morris)

SYNOPSIS

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CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

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A2684 GREGG, GARRETT

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P.L. 2001, CHAPTER 26, *approved March 8, 2001*

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Submission of budget; other questions to voters; adherence to procedures.

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C.19:60-9 Ballot, form, contents.

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Approved March 8, 2001.

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NEWS RELEASE

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RELEASE: March 8 , 2001

**DiFrancesco Signs Bill Providing Additional Tax Dollar Information to
Voters in Regional School Districts**

Acting Governor Donald T. DiFrancesco today signed legislation that will put more information at the fingertips of property tax payers when they vote in regional school district elections.

S-456, sponsored by Senators Girgenti (D-Passaic) and Palaia (R-Monmouth) and Assembly Members Gregg (R-Sussex/Hunterdon/Morris) and Garrett (R-Sussex/Hunterdon/ Morris) enables regional school district boards of education to publish on the school election ballot the specific amount of money each constituent municipality will contribute toward the total moneys to be raised in support of the district.

"This bill enables property taxpayers to receive more information about where their tax dollars are going," said DiFrancesco. "While the state doesn't collect nor spend one cent of property taxes we can help make sure that taxpayers have the facts they need to make informed decisions."

"This bill makes it clear to voters what amount of the budget is tax money coming from their specific municipality," said DiFrancesco. "Well-informed voters are an important part of an accountable government and I commend the sponsors for their work to get this information to voters."

Currently, the ballots for regional school districts show a budget that reflects the entire regional district's budget without explanation of the proportion that each constituent district will pay.

To help ease the burden of property taxes, DiFrancesco has proposed doubling the NJ SAVER rebate, increasing municipal aid by \$100 million and increasing the homestead rebate to \$750.