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Introduced by Senators Ayer, White, Lyons, and Westman

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Taxation; statewide property taxes; town vote

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require a town vote for each property exempt from the statewide education property tax.

An act relating to requiring a town vote for each property exempt from the statewide education property tax

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 32 V.S.A. § 3851 is added to read:

§ 3851. TOWN VOTE REQUIRED

(a) An exemption of property from taxation under subdivisions 3802(4)-(18) of this title shall take effect only if the town or towns hosting the property vote to approve the exemption. A vote to approve an exemption under this section shall be at an annual or special meeting warned for the purpose, by a majority vote of those present and voting; provided, however, that if a town vote is required under another provision of law, that provision shall apply.

1 (b) A successful vote to approve an exemption shall result in the property
2 being exempt. However, any time after 10 years have passed from the original
3 vote to exempt, if more than 10 percent of the registered voters petition the
4 town for reconsideration of the exemption, the town shall hold another vote on
5 the exemption.

6 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

7 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2015, and apply to grand lists compiled
8 in 2016 and after.