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2 An act relating to local option taxes

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

4 Sec. 1. 24 V.S.A. § 138 is amended to read:

5 § 138. LOCAL OPTION TAXES

6 (a) Local option taxes are authorized under this section for the purpose of
7 affording municipalities an alternative method of raising municipal revenues to
8 facilitate the transition and reduce the dislocations in those municipalities that
9 may be caused by reforms to the method of financing public education under
10 the Equal Educational Opportunity Act of 1997. Accordingly:

11 ~~(1) the local option taxes authorized under this section may be imposed~~
12 ~~by a municipality;~~

13 ~~(2) a municipality opting to impose a local option tax may do so prior to~~
14 ~~July 1, 1998 to be effective beginning January 1, 1999, and anytime after~~
15 ~~December 1, 1998 a~~ A local option tax shall be effective beginning on the next
16 tax quarter following 90 days' notice to the Department of Taxes of the
17 imposition; and

18 ~~(3) a local option tax may only be adopted by a municipality in which:~~

19 ~~(A) the education property tax rate in 1997 was less than \$1.10 per~~
20 ~~\$100.00 of equalized education property value; or~~

