

## 94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2005 and 2006 HB0894

Introduced 2/2/2005, by Rep. John J. Millner

## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

35 ILCS 200/18-190

Amends the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law in the Property Tax Code. In a Section concerning referendum requirements for new rates or increased rates, provides that a new rate is any rate for a fund for which the taxing district has never levied in the past. Provides that rates that are subject to a backdoor referendum in each year there is a levy are treated as not new rates or rate increases if a levy has not been made for the fund in one or more of the preceding 3 levy years (now, the rates are not new rates or rate increases if a levy has been made for the fund in one or more of the preceding 3 levy years). Provides that these changes are declarative of existing law. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning revenue.

## Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Property Tax Code is amended by changing Section 18-190 as follows:

(35 ILCS 200/18-190)

Sec. 18-190. Direct referendum; new rate or increased rate. If a new rate or a rate increase is authorized by statute to be imposed without referendum or is subject to a referendum, as defined in Section 28-2 of the Election Code, the governing body of the affected taxing district before levying the new rate or rate increase shall submit the new rate or rate increase to direct referendum under the provisions of Article 28 of the Election Code. A new rate is any rate for a fund for which the taxing district has never levied in the past. Rates required to extend taxes on levies subject to a backdoor referendum in each year there is a levy are treated as not new rates or rate increases under this Section if a levy has not been made for the fund in one or more of the preceding 3 levy years. Changes made by this amendatory Act of 1997 and by this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly to this Section in reference to rates required to extend taxes on levies subject to a backdoor referendum in each year there is a levy are declarative of existing law and not a new enactment. Whenever other applicable law authorizes a taxing district subject to the limitation with respect to its aggregate extension provided for in this Law to issue bonds or other obligations either without referendum or subject to backdoor referendum, the taxing district may elect for each separate bond issuance to submit the question of the issuance of the bonds or obligations directly to the voters of the taxing district, and if the referendum passes the taxing district is

- 1 not required to comply with any backdoor referendum procedures
- 2 or requirements set forth in the other applicable law. The
- 3 direct referendum shall be initiated by ordinance or resolution
- 4 of the governing body of the taxing district, and the question
- 5 shall be certified to the proper election authorities in
- 6 accordance with the provisions of the Election Code.
- 7 (Source: P.A. 88-455; 88-670, eff. 12-2-94; 89-385, eff.
- 8 8-18-95; 89-718, eff. 3-7-97.)
- 9 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 10 becoming law.