

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 72

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MAY 30, 1996

By Senator BASSANO

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION proposing to amend Article VIII, Section IV,
2 paragraph 1 of the Constitution of the State of New Jersey.

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4 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Senate of the State of New Jersey (the General
5 Assembly concurring):

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7 1. The following proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of
8 New Jersey is agreed to:

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10 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

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12 Amend Article VIII, Section IV, paragraph 1, to read as follows:

13 1. The Legislature shall provide for the maintenance and support of a
14 thorough and efficient system of free public schools for the instruction of all the
15 children in the State between the ages of five and eighteen years. The
16 Legislature may enact general laws under which local boards of education
17 may, subject to voter approval on an annual basis, levy school-user fees to
18 supplement any property tax revenues levied for school purposes.

19 (cf: Article VIII, Section IV, paragraph 1, effective January 1, 1948)

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21 2. When this proposed amendment to the Constitution is finally agreed to
22 pursuant to Article IX, paragraph 1 of the Constitution, it shall be submitted
23 to the people at the next general election occurring more than three months
24 after the final agreement and shall be published at least once in at least one
25 newspaper of each county designated by the President of the Senate, the
26 Speaker of the General Assembly and the Secretary of State, not less than
27 three months prior to the general election.

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29 3. This proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be submitted to the
30 people at that election in the following manner and form:

31 There shall be printed on each official ballot to be used at the general
32 election, the following:

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 a. In every municipality in which voting machines are not used, a legend
2 which shall immediately precede the question, as follows:

3 If you favor the proposition printed below make a cross (X), plus (+) or
4 check (T) in the square opposite the word 'Yes.' If you are opposed thereto
5 make a cross (X), plus (+) or check (T) in the square opposite the word 'No.'

6 In every municipality the following question:
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	YES	<p>8 AUTHORIZES SCHOOL-USER FEES TO 9 SUPPLEMENT PROPERTY TAX 10 REVENUES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION</p> <p>11 Shall the amendment of Article VIII, Section IV, 12 paragraph 1 of the Constitution of the State of 13 New Jersey, providing that the Legislature may 14 enact general laws authorizing local boards of 15 education, subject to voter approval on an annual 16 basis, to levy school-user fees to supplement 17 property tax revenues levied for school purposes, 18 be approved? 19</p>
	NO	<p>20 INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT</p> <p>21 This proposed constitutional amendment provides 22 that the Legislature may enact general laws under 23 which the voters of local school districts may 24 annually approve the assessment of school-user 25 fees to supplement any property tax revenues used 26 to fund public education. 27</p>

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30 STATEMENT

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32 This proposed amendment would permit the Legislature to enact general
33 laws under which voters of local school districts may annually approve school-
34 user fees to supplement any property tax revenues used for public education.
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39 Proposes an amendment to the Constitution to authorize school districts to
40 levy school-user fees to supplement property tax revenues levied for public
41 education.