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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to bond election requirements applicable to
2 school districts.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 75.1, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
2 to read as follows:

3 1. a. When a proposition to authorize an issuance of bonds
4 by a county, township, school corporation that is not a school
5 district, city, or by any local board or commission, is
6 submitted to the electors, such proposition shall not be deemed
7 carried or adopted, anything in the statutes to the contrary
8 notwithstanding, unless the vote in favor of such authorization
9 is equal to at least sixty percent of the total vote cast for and
10 against said proposition at said election. All elections on such
11 proposition shall be held on the date specified in section 39.2,
12 subsection 4, paragraph "d".

13 b. When a proposition to authorize an issuance of bonds by
14 a school district is submitted to the electors, such proposition
15 shall not be deemed carried or adopted, anything in the statutes
16 to the contrary notwithstanding, unless the vote in favor of such
17 authorization exceeds fifty percent of the total vote cast for
18 and against said proposition at said election. All elections on
19 such proposition shall be held on the date specified in section
20 39.2, subsection 4, paragraph "d".

21 Sec. 2. Section 296.6, Code 2026, is amended to read as
22 follows:

23 **296.6 Bonds.**

24 If the vote in favor of the issuance of such bonds ~~is equal to~~
25 ~~at least sixty percent of the total vote cast for and against~~
26 ~~said proposition at said election~~ meets the applicable vote
27 requirement under section 75.1, the board of directors shall
28 issue the same and make provision for payment thereof.

29 EXPLANATION

30 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
31 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

32 This bill relates to election requirements for the issuance of
33 bonds by a school district.

34 The bill requires that a proposition to authorize the issuance
35 of bonds by a school district must receive a simple majority

1 of the total votes cast for and against the proposition at
2 the election. The bill retains the existing requirement that
3 propositions to authorize the issuance of bonds by a county,
4 city, school corporation that is not a school district, township,
5 or other local board or commission receive the affirmative vote
6 of at least 60 percent of the total votes cast for and against
7 the proposition.

8 The bill makes a corresponding change in Code section 296.6.

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