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TO AMEND ACT 250 OF 1991, RELATING TO THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FLORENCE SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 5, SO AS TO ONLY REQUIRE A MEETING OF THE CITIZENS IF THE PROPOSED BUDGET REQUIRES A MILLAGE INCREASE.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. SECTION 6 of Act 250 of 1991 is amended to read:

“SECTION 6. (A) In any year in which the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year requires a millage increase, ~~On the second Tuesday of May of each year,~~ the Board of Trustees of Florence School District Number 5 shall call a meeting of the citizens of the district, such meeting to be held within the school district. The meeting must be held on the second Tuesday of May. The time and place of such meeting shall be advertised in a newspaper of general circulation within the district at least once, ten days prior to the meeting. The advertisement must include the current year’s millage, the proposed millage, and the amount of the millage increase.

The board of trustees of the district shall submit to the citizens at the meeting ~~a~~ the proposed ~~budget for the operation of the school or schools within the district, together with the estimated~~ millage increase ~~necessary to carry the budget into effect,~~ which ~~budget and millage shall~~ only may be adopted by majority vote of the qualified electors present at the meeting. ~~Such electors attending the meeting shall have the right to change, alter, reject, or amend any budget proposed by the board of trustees. However, the~~ The tax millage levied shall maintain at least the level of per pupil financial effort established in the previous fiscal year.

(B) In any year in which the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year does not require a millage increase, the provisions of subsection (A) do not apply except that the tax millage levied shall maintain at least the level of per pupil financial effort established in the previous fiscal year. If the provisions of subsection (A) do not apply, the proposed budget must be posted on the Internet website maintained by the district at least ten days prior to its adoption.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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