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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2017–18 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 776**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Harper**  
**(Coauthors: Assembly Members Gallagher, Mathis, and Patterson)**  
(Coauthor: Senator Moorlach)

February 15, 2017

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An act to add Section 9508.5 to the Elections Code, relating to school district elections.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 776, as amended, Harper. School district elections: school bond measures.

If a school measure qualifies for the ballot, existing law requires the county counsel or district attorney to prepare an impartial analysis of the measure. Existing law prescribes the manner in which a school bond measure is to appear on the ballot, and it specifies information to be included in the statement of the proposition.

This bill would require the ballot label containing the statement of a school bond measure to ~~include an estimate of the total cost of the bond to taxpayers and an estimate of the increase to taxpayers' annual property taxes.~~ *direct voters to the voter information guide for information about the bond's effects on property taxes. By increasing the duties of local elections officials, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.*

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to the statutory provisions noted above.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 9508.5 is added to the Elections Code,  
2 to read:

3 9508.5. If a proposition relating to the approval of a district  
4 bond is to be submitted to the voters of the district, ~~an estimate of~~  
5 ~~both of the following shall be included in the ballot label containing~~  
6 ~~the statement of the measure:~~ *the ballot label shall include the*  
7 *following sentence:*

8 “*See Voter Information Guide for effects on your property*  
9 *taxes.*”

10 ~~(a) The total cost of the bond to taxpayers, including principal~~  
11 ~~and interest.~~

12 ~~(b) The increase to taxpayers’ annual property taxes, represented~~  
13 ~~as a number of dollars per one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000)~~  
14 ~~of assessed value.~~

15 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that  
16 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to  
17 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made  
18 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division  
19 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

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