

House Bill 1350  
Testimony of David Richter  
House Finance and Taxation Committee  
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Chairman Headland members of the committee for the record my name is David Richter District 1 Williston.

HB 1350 provides an exception to section 21-03-07 of North Dakota Century Code which establishes 60% of the electors voting as the threshold for approval for a school district to issue bonds.

This bill is modeled on section 57-15-14 North Dakota Century Code **voter approval of excess levies** by school districts paragraphs A and B. If the total population of a school district is over 4000 population the excess levy is approved by a majority of the electoral voters, if the district is under 4000 total population the excess levy is approved by 55% of the electors voting.

On page 1 line 7 of this bill subsection 7 Paragraph A 1 if a district population is between 4000 and less than 20,000 it would require 57% of electors voting to approve the school bond.

Subsection 7 Paragraph A 2 approval of a school bond would require 55% of electors voting if the district population is 20,000 or higher. There would be no change for school districts under 4000 total population.

Thank you I will stand for any questions