2027 ISBA RESOLUTION NO. 6

MODIFICATION TO IDAHO CODE 33-802(3) TO INCREASE THE TERM OF SUPPLEMENTAL MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION LEVIES FROM A MAXIMUM OF 2 YEARS TO A TERM NOT TO EXCEED 4 YEARS

WHEREAS, section 33-802(3), Idaho Code, allows for a school district to propose a supplemental maintenance and operation levy to be submitted to the elector of the district;

WHEREAS, section 33-802(3), Idaho Code, specifically states "for a period not to exceed two (2) years";

WHEREAS, section 33-802(5), Idaho Code, allows a provision under specified criteria where a board "may submit the question for an indefinite term supplemental levy";

WHEREAS, state funding of public schools is inadequate, and nearly all districts rely on a supplemental maintenance and operation levy to supplement funds;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Idaho School Boards Association work with the Idaho State Department of Education, Idaho State Board of Education, and the Idaho Legislature to amend Idaho Code Section 33-802(3), Supplemental Maintenance and Operation Levies, as follows:

(3) Supplemental Maintenance and Operation Levies. No levy in excess of the levy permitted by this section shall be made by a noncharter district unless such a supplemental levy in a specified amount and for a specified time, from one (1) year to a maximum of four (4) years, be first authorized through an election held subject to the provisions of section 34-106, Idaho Code, and pursuant to title 34, Idaho Code, and approved by a majority of the district electors voting in such election. A levy approved pursuant to this subsection may be reduced by a majority vote of the board of trustees any of the years the levy is authorized.

Statement of Purpose

Revising Idaho Code 33-802(3) to allow supplemental maintenance and operation levies to be approved by voters for a period of up to 4 years would allow school boards to propose a reasonable levy term that would work in their community without the fear of a "permanent" levy as the only other option.

The current two-year maximum term leaves districts spending an enormous amount of time and money to renew Supplemental Maintenance and Operation levies every other year.

Providing longer options for the term will allow districts to operate with greater financial stability for a longer period of time and create stability among staff to focus on their

primary purpose of education, while still setting a limit for boards and electors to reassess.

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Boundary County School District No. 101

ISBA Executive Board Recommendation: DO PASS

Teresa Rae, Region 1 Chair, will address the Executive Board Recommendation at the ISBA Business Session.