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SENATE BILL NO. 985

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections
on February 4, 1999)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Miller, K. G.)

A BILL to provide for an advisory referendum in Page County on the future of the County's high schools.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. The officials conducting the November 2, 1999, election in Page County shall conduct an advisory referendum on that date to poll the voters on their preference for the future of the County's high schools.

The ballot shall contain substantially the following options and information:

"Please vote for the option that you support to address school construction needs in Page County. Vote for only one option.

"Option 1: Build a centrally located consolidated high school and convert the two existing high schools to middle schools.

"Option 2. Build two new high schools and convert the two existing high schools to middle schools.

"Option 3. Retain the present system. No new construction."

The ballots shall be prepared and voted, the referendum shall be conducted, and the results shall be ascertained and certified, all as provided in Article 5 (§ 24.2-681 et seq.) of Chapter 6 of Title 24.2 of the Code of Virginia.

The electoral board shall cause notice of the election to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county at least once in the period forty-five to sixty days before the election.

The results of the referendum shall be advisory only.

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