

## VOTING SCHOOL OPERATING LEVIES

- WHEREAS, The amount of levy that can be set by boards of education without voter approval, and the corresponding amounts that can be approved by a majority vote are no longer realistic in view of present day costs; and
- WHEREAS, Many school districts continue to be handicapped by the two-thirds vote requirement and are unable to secure approval of operating levies essential to maintain adequate educational programs; and
- WHEREAS, The two-thirds requirement which makes one negative vote equal to two favorable votes is not in keeping with our principles of democratic government; and
- WHEREAS, The provisions in Missouri for establishing levies by boards of education and for increasing them by voter approval are more restrictive than provisions in all but a few other states, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers supports a constitutional amendment providing for passage of all school operating levies by a majority vote or an amendment increasing the amount of levy that can be set by boards of education with the corresponding increase in levies that can be approved by a majority vote.

Reaffirmed 1977  
Retired 1995