

## **BUDGET ADOPTION**

### **I. Approval of Budget by Voters**

The Berlin Central School District Board of Education recognizes that final authorization of a budget for the District rests with the District's voters. Therefore, pursuant to the requirements of the Education Law, the proposed budget for the District shall be presented to the voters for adoption at the annual meeting, or the election scheduled in conjunction therewith.

### **II. Submittal of Budget Propositions by Voters**

District voters desirous of submitting questions, propositions, or amendments to be placed on the ballot at the District's annual election, or at any other election, shall conform to the following requirements.

#### **A. MINIMUM SIGNATURES.**

Unless otherwise provided by the Education Law, petitions for the submittal of a proposition to be presented to the District's voters shall contain not fewer than twenty-five (25) signatures of qualified District voters, or five percent (5%) of the number of those who voted in the last annual election, whichever is greater.

#### **B. FILING SCHEDULE**

A petition for the inclusion of a proposition, question, or amendment on the ballot shall be filed with the District Clerk not fewer than sixty (60) days prior to the date of the annual meeting. The purpose of this requirement shall be to permit review of the proposition, etc. for form and legal content (see II.C, below), and to permit the timely preparation and printing of ballots.

#### **C. FORM AND LEGAL CONTENT OF SUBMITTED PROPOSITIONS**

The Board may exercise its legal authority and prerogative to determine whether a proposition, question, or amendment submitted hereunder is stated clearly and concisely and is of suitable length, and also whether what is proposed that the voters decide falls within the purview of the powers granted to voters by the Education Law. The Board reserves the right to amend any submitted proposition, etc., to assure its compliance with these requirements, or to reject any proposition for its failure to comply.

#### D. SPECIFIC DOLLAR APPROPRIATION REQUIRED

A proposition that would require the expenditure of funds shall include the necessary specific dollar appropriation. The Board reserves the right to reject any proposition that neglects to include said necessary specific appropriation.

#### References

Education Law Secs. 1716; 2002; 2004; 2013; 2017; 2021; 2022

