

## Fact Sheet Concerning the Official Ballot Referendum System

- Commonly known as SB2
- Two main purposes: 1. Provide a deliberative session on a day other than the day of voting; and  
2. Have all matters voted on by an official ballot.
- The Deliberative Session, also called the first session, must be held approximately one month before the voting session; the exact timing of the two sessions is dictated by statute.
- The Deliberative Session includes discussion and amendment of all items that could be amended at the traditional town meeting.
- The second session is limited to voting; there is no discussion or amendment to the articles.
- If the voters fail to vote in an operating budget, the last year's budget with certain contractual obligations and additions/deletions, becomes the "default budget".
- In the case of a default budget, the School board can schedule a special meeting to try and have the voters adopt an operating budget.
- Any special meetings held will function in the same fashion as an annual meeting and will have a deliberative session and a voting session.
- The adoption of bonds requires a 3/5 majority vote for passage.