

## **N.J.A.C. 5:31-2: APPENDIX F**

### **Fire District Levy Cap Referendum Public Question**

The Public Question and Interpretative Statement to be placed on the ballot shall be as follows:

#### Public Question

"Shall the Board of Commissioners of (*name and number of fire district*) be authorized to adopt the (*insert year*) Fire District Budget, despite the fact that its property tax levy will exceed the Property Tax Levy Cap Maximum Allowable Amount to be Raised by Taxation increase limitation by (*insert percent*) or (*insert dollar amount*) as provided by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.46b?

A "yes" vote will authorize the Board of Commissioners of the fire district to adopt the budget that was introduced and published. N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.45 establishes a cap of two percent (2%) on the amount a property tax levy can increase. This amount can be exceeded when approved by referendum of the voters.

The following are those line items to which the increases apply:

*(List line items)*

...

If referendum is approved (a "yes" vote) by a vote in excess of 50 percent of the voters casting a vote at the referendum, the budget will be deemed adopted.

A "no" vote means that the District Board of Commissioners must adopt the budget within the increase limits set forth by the law.

*(Insert here "any other such relevant information as the Board may wish to include" in the Statement.)"*