

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: If it's in their petition, but if it's new, yes; if it's old, no. They are not liable for any bonding issue that was there before they...

SENATOR ROBINSON: But in a new one they would be?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: They would be.

SENATOR ROBINSON: They are.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: They are the way the law is now.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Why wouldn't it be mandated now? Why would it be an option now?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Would you ask me that again? I don't remember...maybe I'm not getting you right, what you're saying, Senator.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Well, now I think in your opening remarks you said that the...you mentioned high school bond issues and now you're talking about middle school or junior high levies. Now, you're talking about an affiliated district, right?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Right.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Now if an affiliated district has a...if an affiliated district has a bond issue now for a high school, is it mandated that the affiliated districts have it or is an optional thing?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: It's only if it's in the petition. It has to be in the petition. We're not changing that. All we're changing is we're adding middle school or junior high school.

SENATOR ROBINSON: So that petition, when you're trying to get a middle school or junior high, so it would be mandated in that case also, right, it wouldn't be optional?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Right. It's optional, but it has to be in their petition when they affiliate. They are not liable for it unless they agree to it.

SENATOR ROBINSON: So really...what you're trying to do is make the law the same as...