

vote on whether it wanted to come under those levy limits or not, Senator Kristensen?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes, you're going to have the opportunity to do that. You either do it in a special election, primary or general election. Now you and I had had some discussion about the Warner amendment that got attached that changed that date. That's fiscal years and that's going to become after July 1st of '98. You can do it as long as you vote prior to September 30th of the year in which the levy will be impacted. That would be September of '98.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: But how...how could you...how could you plan your budget if you don't vote until after your budget....

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well you bring...you have your hearings in the spring, then when your...your primary election would occur in May, for example, so you wouldn't have to have a special election to exceed those levy limits. Then when you set the levy, which is set on September 30th, with the new calendar, that's when you set the levy, that's when the...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Right.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...limitations, and then that's when the tax year will carry you through.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay, so you have to have that done by September of '98, but that could be done at that primary election, in May, or even at...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Or prior to that.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...some special election, if you decided to call one...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: right.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...for that purpose.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: And remember, you can go up to five years. So depending on, you know, if you do it next year, you're in effect wasting a couple years because they aren't in effect yet. But I would expect some activity in the primary election of '98.