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Six Mill Levy
 Historical Background

Step 1	*Step 2	*** # Mills (# of Yrs)	Ref. Vote and (%)	V.I.P. Statements	Step 3
** 1947 HB 148 (Ch. 217)	1948 Ref. No. 51	6 mills (10 yrs.)	For 77,820 (61%) Against 50,167 (39%)	Ref. Not Required in VIP	1949 HB 143 (Ch. 25)
** 1957 HB 461 (Ch.218)	1958 Ref. No. 61	6 mills (10 yrs.)	For 89,251 (51.5%) Against 84,002 (48.5%)	Ref. Not Required in VIP	1959 HB 242 (Ch. 222)
** 1967 HB 129 (Ch. 50)	1968 Ref. No. 65	6 mills (10 yrs.)	For 127,625 (59%) Against 89,396 (41%)	Ref. Not Required in VIP	1969 HB 525 (Ch. 321)
1977 SB 130 (Ch. 463)	1978 L.R. No. 75	6 mills (10 yrs.)	For 181,920 (67%) Against 88,641 (33%)	"For" & "Against"	1979 HB 191 (Ch. 582)
1987 HB 193 (Ch. 342)	1988 L.R. No. 106	6 mills (10 yrs.)	For 227,638 (64%) Against 127,259 (36%)	None	1989 SB 302 (Ch. 588)
1997 SB 133 (Ch. 277)	1998 L.R. No. 113	6 mills (10 yrs.)	**** For 199,871 (61%) Against 125,656 (39%)	"For" Only	1999 SB 79 (Ch. 408)

* Art. III, section 6, MT Const. requires L.R. to be voted on at the *general election*
 ** Art. XII, sec. 9, 1889 Const. prohibited statewide mill > 2 mills w/o voter authorization (language removed from 1972 Const.)
 *** Annual Average of 6 mills for 1988-2007 = \$13.8 million/yr. (or \$27.6 million/biennium)
 **** Ex: \$183,414 spent by 1998 "Committee to Keep the Six Mill Levy" on LR 113 [all private money & separate from MUS].