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## **Transparency, Taxes, and Referendums**

**MADISON, WI** – Today, Sen. Rachael Cabral-Guevara (R-Fox Crossing) and Rep. Scott Allen (R-Waukesha) announced plans to introduce a bill in January requiring more information be provided to taxpayers when they vote on local referendums, particularly highlighting the impact on property tax bills.

Currently, referendums must report the dollar amount of the increase in the levy limit, but no information is provided as to how this will actually affect the average Wisconsinite. Under the proposed bill, the ballot question would also have to provide a good faith estimate of the annual dollar amount increase in property taxes on a median-valued, single-family residence.

“When we buy anything, we need to know the true cost,” said Rep. Allen. “For example, when we go to buy a home, we don’t just look at the list price. We want to know what the monthly mortgage payment will be. Without knowing the true cost, how can we make good decisions?”

“Wisconsinites are regularly asked to vote on municipal and school referendums without this information. The result is shock when the tax bill comes due. This is especially difficult for those on fixed incomes, like the elderly,” added Sen. Cabral-Guevara. “We owe it to the voters to provide them with the true cost of the request so they can make an informed decision.”

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*Sen. Rachael Cabral-Guevara represents parts of Adams, Outagamie, Portage, Waupaca, Waushara, and Winnebago counties.*

*Rep. Scott Allen represents parts of Waukesha County.*