

county-option vote; no landowner would be taxed without written consent to participate in the system.

Voters in only nine counties, headed by Silver Bow and including Deer Lodge, Missoula, Cascade, Hill and Yellowstone, favored the plan. Opposition exceeded two-to-one among voters in a dozen counties, mostly southern and eastern livestock counties.

1926-4 STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL LEVY

Rejected 38.0%

Legislative Referendum

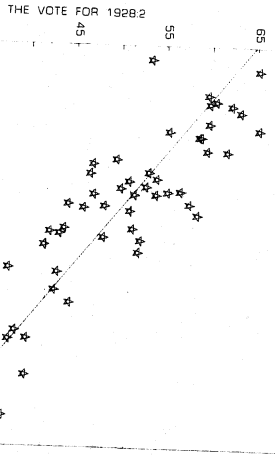
1925 Laws chapter 170 (H Bill 441) proposed a 20-year five mill state property Levy "for the maintenance of the public elementary and high schools of the state." If approved it would help the state to reduce inequalities in school facilities in those rural school districts where low property values required high tax rates to achieve adequate school facilities. Starting in 1897 the state required county commissioners to impose a "common school Levy" (1897 Laws page 134) that ranged from two mills in earlier years up to six mills in the 1920s, as a base for local school finance. This requirement of a Levy by the counties appeared to be authorized by Article XII section 4 of the constitution and it circumvented the constitutional prohibition of a state Levy in excess of two mills without voter approval (Article XII section 9; compare 1910:1).

After rejection of this state Levy, 1927 Laws chapter 119 made the state board of education a common school equalization board to administer state funds from various sources. The modern school foundation program was established more than two decades later by 1949 Laws chapter 199 (Sub H Bill 161).

Voters in only two western counties (Lake, Glacier) containing Indian reservations approved the 1926 tax proposal; least opposition generally was registered in major urban centers. Twenty-seven rural counties opposed the Levy most strongly, with opposition reaching more than 80 percent in five central and eastern agricultural counties.

CORRELATION:

1926:1 REPEAL STATE LIQUOR PROHIBITION WITH
1928:2 ENACT FEDERAL LIQUOR PROHIBITION



ANALYSIS
CORRELATION (R)
Y-INTERCEPT (a)
SLOPE (b)
ABSCESS VALUES

John S Campbell (D)
* Robert Bauer (R)
T O Larson (R)
Louis P Donovan (D)
* Charles R Swift Jr (R)
* William M Ruffcorn (R)
I S McQuilly (D)
W L Stranos (R)

Stillwater
Sweet Grass
Teton
Treasure
Valley
Wheatland

Stuart H Nicholson (D)
Miles J Cavannaugh (R)
James F Chatham (D)
Tod Doran (D)
S C Arnold (R)
George Barry (D)
George J Bonville (R)
W T Baillard (D)

Ben N Benson (R)
PHL C Goodwin (D)
Easterly Hardcastle (D)
Edwin H Lamb (D)
H J Mulholland (D)
Elmer Johnson (R)

TWENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

SENATE

COUNTY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

January 3 - March 5, 1927
[two extra days]

(D) 15 (R) 40 (F-L) 1

(D) 39 (R) 61 (F-L) 2

* Frank A Hazebaker (R)
Ervin A Richardson (R)
James Griffan (R)
E H Goodman (D)
* John T Spencer (R)
Leon L Wheeler (R)
Julius J Wuerthner (R)

Frank Rife (D)
W E Warren (R)
George W Gustafson (R)
Albert Reed (R)
Alfred Rodas (R)
F E Neilsen (D)
W A Brown (D)
Hugh H Jones (R)
S R Jensen (D)
Harry C Donaldson (R)
Charles L Kroman (R)
James T Spurling (FL)
Harry A Sample (R)
Ed Burke (D)
Charles F Murphy (D)
R B Lowry (D)
Edwin K Cheddle Jr (R)
Andrew Green (R)
F B Felt (R)
C W Darr (D)
Robert J Dinn (R)
Albert Holton (R)
Dan F Herrerty (D)
L V Erickson (R)
Ralph L Reiland (R)
T J Troy (R)
S H Knowles (R)
R C Bricker (R)
Demaris A Delivo (D)
Hugh R Adair (D)
Raymond T Nagle (D)
Leonard Plank (D)
Lindsay Miller (D)
Elias Norvik (R)
Bates Halsey (D)
Orville Halsey (R)
Fred R Fulsher (D)
Albert Besanson (D)
H R Herghall (R)
Clarence Merritt (R)
C C Clausen (R)
F S Sutton (R)
Dudley Jones (R)
Charles A Akorfer (D)
W T Walte (R)
Guy Steambaugh (R)
W R Fleckenhar (R)
Ralph Dougherty (R)
Arthur White (R)
Walter F Zuer (R)
Walter E Taska (R)
William P Turner (D)
Robert Larson (FL)
W T Baillard (D)
George Barry (D)
James F Chatham (R)
Miles J Cavannaugh (R)
Tod Doran (D)
Stuart H Nicholson (D)
S C Arnold (R)
George Barry (D)

Harry L Burns (R)
John C Abrahamson (D)
R S O'Day (D)
E H Cooney (R)
John A Woodcock (D)
William B Leavitt (R)
Henry R Green (R)
J B C Knapp (R)

Symour H Porter (D)
* Roy Smith (R)
* Luke George (R)
* George McCune (R)
* T P Stewart (R)
Theodore R Bergstrom (D)
Albert Johnson (R)
Robert Pauline (R)
* William H Buttelman (D)
* W C Henderson (R)
* A Ince (R)
* G H Corrington (R)
* John D Kennedy (R)
* E N Jefferson (R)
* E N Jefferson (R)
* Ralph R Tower (R)
* W Ray Church (D)
* Frederick T Dell (D)
* H C Pomeroy (R)
* John A Green (D)
* M M Duncan (D)
* C A Linn (R)
* George R Cooper (R)
* John L Campbell (R)
* F T McCormick (R)
* Harry H Shelver (R)
* John S Slobert (R)
* John S Slobert (R)
* Christel C L Dodge (R)
* John L Sordfeld (R)
* W J Paul (R)
* F W DeLaney (D)
* Thomas Kane (R)
* Walter D Kemmis (R)
* J W Schnitzler (R)
* Charles M Dowlin (R)
* John D Garber (D)
* Charles E Taylor (FL)
* Thomas J Walker (D)

Beaverhead
Blaine
Broadwater
Carbon
Carter
Cascade

Chouteau
Custer
Daniels
Dawson
Deer Lodge
Fallon
Fergus
Flathead
Gallatin
Garfield
Glacier
Golden Valley
Granite
Hall
Jefferson
Judith Basin
Lake
Lewis & Clark
Liberty
Lincoln
McCone
Madison
Meagher
Mineral
Missoula
Musselshell
Park
Petroleum
Phillips
Pondera
Powder River
Powell
Ravalli
Richland
Rosebud
Roosevelt
Sanders
Sheridan
Silver Bow

N O Hillier (R)
B F Moulton (R)
G N Iloss (R)
J E Rockwood (R)
A E Westlake (D)
George J Bonville (D)
George P Hason (D)