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Overview

Allows Aitkin County and Independent School District No. 1 to hold a joint truth-in-taxation hearing. Effective for hearings conducted in 2005 and subsequent years.

Section

1 Aitkin County and School District. Allows Aitkin County and Independent School District No. 1 to hold their initial public hearing jointly. The county and the school district must each hold a separate final hearing (called "subsequent hearing" in law), at which time the levy/budget is adopted.

Provides that if the initial joint hearing is held, it must be held on the second Tuesday of December. Also allows for a joint newspaper advertisement. The basic hearing requirements in current law must be followed. Effective for hearings conducted in 2005 and subsequent years.

Ramsey County, the City of St. Paul, and School District No. 625 (St. Paul) are the only jurisdictions authorized to hold a joint hearing under current law; in that case the joint hearing is required.