

Office of School FACILITIES - FINANCE

Election Advisory Timelines for District Referenda

From DOE Receipt of Completed Project Application (90-Days Prior)**	District Review Preliminary Eligible Costs from DOE (30-Days Prior)	Notice County Board of Elections (60-Days Prior)*	Targeted Date of Election*
7/28/2016	10/26/2016	11/25/2016	Fourth Tuesday*, January 24, 2017
9/15/2016	12/14/2016	1/13/2017	Second Tuesday March 14, 2017
10/27/2016	1/25/2017	2/24/2017	Fourth Tuesday April 25, 2017
3/30/2017	6/28/2017	7/28/2017	Last Tuesday September 26, 2017
5/11/2017	8/9/2017	9/8/2017	First Tuesday**** November 7, 2017
6/15/2017	9/13/2017	10/13/2017	Second Tuesday December 12, 2017

*P.L. 2001, c. 98

**P.L. 2000, c. 72

September 2004: 180 days 4/1/04 + 90 days = 6/30/04 + 30 days = 7/30/04 + 60 days = 9/28/04

P.L. 2001, c. 98 will take effect on September 28, 2001 and dramatically changed the process for advancing a school facility referendum. This legislation made the following three changes to law governing special school elections in Type II school districts: 1) requires a board of education to give the municipal clerk and the county board of elections no less than 60 days notice, in writing, of its intention to hold a special election; 2) provides that a special school election may only be held on the fourth Tuesday in January, the second Tuesday in March, the last Tuesday in September or the second Tuesday in December and; 3) eliminates the provisions of existing law which authorizes legal voters of the district to petition the school board to hold a special election.

NJSA 19:60-2 reads: "The board of elections of a type II district may call a special election of the legal voters of the district on only the fourth Tuesday in January, -the second Tuesday in March, the last Tuesday in September, or the second Tuesday in December when in its judgment the interests of the school require such an election. The board of education shall give the municipal clerk or clerks, as the case may be, and the county board of elections no less than 60 days' notice, in writing of its intention to hold a special election."

This Year's (2017) School Election Calendar adjusts the date for the April 2017 because it coincides with a religious holiday. The April election date is changed to Tuesday, April 25, 2017. N.J.S.A. 19:60-1

****N.J.S.A. 18A:24-12 allows for a bond referendum to be put on the ballot at *either* special school election (January, March, September, or December) or at an annual election (**held either in April or November**). (November 2017 it is the 1st Tuesday after the 1st Monday)

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