



Office of School Facilities
Election Advisory Timelines for District Elections

Table with 4 columns: 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\*. Rows include dates for 2012 and 2011 elections.

\*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 took 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 other than in a year when a presidential primary election occurs, in which case no such election on that date may be called, 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."

\*\*\*Next Year's (2011) School Election Date Changes: A law enacted in January 2010 gives the education commissioner the authority to change the date of the Annual School Election if it falls on a religious holiday. One of the scheduled election dates is Tuesday, April 19, 2011. This is the first day of Passover, thus the April 2011 election date has been changed to Wednesday, April 27, 2011.

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