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Election Advisory Timelines for District Referenda

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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*	Election Day of the Week
7/30/2020	10/28/2020	11/27/2020	1/26/2021	Fourth Tuesday
9/10/2020	12/9/2020	1/8/2021	3/9/2021	Second Tuesday
10/22/2020	1/20/2021	2/19/2021	4/20/2021	Third Tuesday
4/1/2021	6/30/2021	7/30/2021	9/28/2021	Last Tuesday
5/6/2021	8/4/2021	9/3/2021	11/2/2021	First Tuesday*
6/20/2021	9/18/2021	10/18/2021	12/17/2021	Second Tuesday

*P.L. 2001, c. 98

**P.L. 2000, c. 72

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."

*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).