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Re: School Election Dates

As you are aware, the Arkansas Legislature made changes to school election dates effective in 2018. For 2017, the dates remain unchanged and the election can be held either September 19th or November 7th. The new law (Act 910) states that school board elections can be held either on the date of the preferential primary in even-numbered years and the date that would be designated as a preferential primary election in odd-numbered years or the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November. For 2018, those dates would be either May 22nd or November 6th. Please keep in mind the legislature could change the dates for the preferential primaries in the future. The dates for the upcoming elections will be:

| <u>2017</u> | <u>2018</u> | <u>2019</u> | <u>2020</u> | <u>2021</u> |
|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Sept. 19 th | May 22 nd | May 21 st | May 19 th | May 18 th |
| Nov. 7 th | Nov. 6 th | Nov. 5 th | Nov. 3 rd | Nov. 2 nd |

For special elections, the Commissioner of Education must approve the date of the election. Also, a special election must occur on the second Tuesday of the month with some exceptions. Special elections held in months in which a preferential primary election, general primary election, or general election is scheduled to occur shall be held on the date of the general primary elections, preferential primary election, or general election. If the District is contemplating a special election, please consult with a representative from Stephens to determine other statutory requirements before picking a date. Acts 910 and 1088 are attached for reference.

Sincerely,



Kevin Faught