



April and May of 2022 will be blocked for bond, special elections

Because of census updates and redistricting, no special elections will be allowed during the 19 weeks prior to the state Primary Election on August 9, 2022 ([M.S. 204B.135, subdivision 4](#)).

This blackout happens once a decade in the year ending in "2." If your school district is thinking about a spring 2022 bond referendum, make sure your staff and board know that in 2022, the only available dates will be February, August and November.

If your district is planning on a February bond referendum, remember that the combined polling place resolution done each year must then be completed by November 10, 2021, not December 31, 2021.

School districts with board vacancies will also be prevented from having special elections in April or May of 2022. If you have questions about referenda, call MSBA's Greg Abbott or Maria Lonis at 507-420-1881 or email gabbott@mnmsba.org or mlonis@mnmsba.org.